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Of Prayer, its Nature and Use, as a Part

of the Chri-tian System.

BY HON. JOEL TIFFANY. What, in character, are the objections which the unbelieving urge against the Chris-

tian system as rendering it unworthy of the faith, confidence and trust of all men? What one of its fundamental principles can be excepted to as untrue, or as not calculated to secure the highest good of the individual and the race, if accepted and practiced in its spirit? It asserts the existence of a Supreme Being as the Universal Father who becomes the Creator and Providence by which all things subsist. It asserts the infinite, the eternal, and the absolute presence of this Father by every perfect attribute; that he alone is essential goodness, as a proceeding from essential love; that avery hymen indifrom essential love; that every human individual is the subject of his love, and the recipient of his bounty; and that the only limitation to one's reception of divine goodness, is his capacity, determined by status—in himaself; that in divine order all things tend to bless the creature, and to advance it to its supreme destiny. It asserts that man is the child of this Universal Father, created in his image, and destined to come into his spiritual likeness; and it teaches, as its doctrine, the ways of the man is to the way or the manner in which man is to seek and find that completeness which will cause him to become perfect as the Universal Father is perfect; and this way or manner consists in causing the individual to conform to the requirements of the moral virtues, in spirit and in truth—to live and to act in all things for the welfare and happiness of all intelligent conscious beings; to love all and to do for all what a pure and holy love would dictate. Who will not admit that the teachings of the Moster if represely aboved will ings of the Master, if perfectly obeyed, will bring the individual human to the stature of perfect manhood? To these questions I await an answer, after calling attention to the especial fact, that Jesus instructed those who desired to know what to do (?), to seek first the kingdom of heaven and its righteousness by becoming perfect as the Father in heaven is perfect; that is, perfect in love, in truth, in purity, in fidelity, in noliness or self-faithfulness, in justice, in goodness, constituting all righteousness—thus coming into a state of oneness with God and his government, and thereby becoming a recipient of the Divine Blessedness. And he further declared, that this status was to be acquired by means of this status was to be acquired by means of prayer and fasting in its inmost or spiritual

This leads me to consider what is prayer in the Christ sense, as distinguished from prayer in the theological sense as practiced by the Pharisees and the heathen, which practice he discountenanced, and told his disci-ples not to engage in it. Prayer in its inmost sense, is a spiritual exercise, consisting in an earnest aspiration or desire on the part of the suppliant to attain to his highest and best spiritual condition, in which he can commune with the spirit of the Infinite and Perfect Being, which in his ideal, is, the highest, the holiest and best. In this effort, if sincere and earnest, the suppliant enters his highest and best spiritual condition, and

expect to cause him to change his purposes or his mode of operations in consequence of your petitions and prayers to him? Do you expect to inform his understanding, to change his purposes, or to induce in him a better will in respect to the accomplishment of that which you seek? You say, He knows what things you have need of before you ask Him; and that he is more ready to give you all good or needful things, than earthly parents are to give good things to their children. Why, then, need you pray to him for those things you desire, when he knows already whether you need them or not; and as your heavenly parent will give them to you if they are for your good? your good?

These are very serious questions arising in the mind of the humble and earnest suppli-ant; and his only answer is: "I don't know how my prayers are to become effective. I only know that God says, He will be inquired of by his people; and I feel in my soul the need of prayer; and I feel also the use of it. I feel that it gives me strength and encouragement; that it refreshes my spirit and brings me nearer to God. It brings to me peace and quiet; and in some way it supplies a need which can be supplied in no other way. In prayer I seem to draw near to The All True, I'he All Holy, The All Just and The All Good and there seems to be an inflowing into my spirit of that which strengthens and lifts me to a higher spiritual condition and which causes me to walk in the paths of righteousness. I do not know how prayer operates upon me or upon others; but somehow it does operate to bless me and to help others; and therefore I pray to God, my Heavenly Father, asking for that aid which I am sure He wil

give if I ask for it in a proper spirit."

Now this answer cannot be gainsayed, because it is true. There is that in earnest, fervent prayer which supplies a need, as really as does the eating of food. The common mind, uneducated in the science of physiology cannot tell how the eating of physical food satisfies the demands of hunger; and if he did not eat until he did understand how eating operated to supply his physical needs he would perish without ascertaining the mode of divine operation in that respect. It is because man does not know the rationale of these operations that the commandments are given, and become valuable as a means of directing one how to walk, and what to do until he arrives at a state in which he can be

instructed in these things.

We can learn valuable lessons as to the mode of Divine operations in all the departments of existence; and when we have learned thoroughly the Divine method in one department, we shall find it easy to perceive the same or a similar method in all. Whereever there exists a need, there exists a Divine and orderly method of supplying the same, which, in all cases involves recipiency as well as impartation; recipiency on the part of the needy, and a presence capable of giv-ing the supply. In all cases there must be these concurring conditions. And as the Divine Presence by all its perfect attributes is every where present, therefore with the spiritually needy one, the all-important question is one of recipiency. The supply comes from the Divine, while recipiency is condition upon spiritual status in the recipient.

Recipiency in the individual must precede supply; and as recipiency depends upon stat-us, and status depends upon individual effort as manifest in seeking, in desiring, in asking, in prayer, the individual becomes in a very great degree responsible for his spiritual status, and hence for his recipiency. Therefore the individual, if he would obtain spirit-ual blessings, is required to ask, to seek, to knock, etc., with the assurance that this duty well performed on his part, will secure the blessing. As a petitioner one may ask and receive not because he asks in and from the external, for the granting of that which is external; and which depends not upon spiritual status in himself.

The difference between prayer and petition is forcibly and beautifully illustrated by the teachings of Jesus in his discourse entitled, The Sermon on the Mount. He had been with his disciples for some time, and had not instructed them in the nature and use of prayer; and they came to him and requested him to teach them how to pray as John had taught his disciples. Whether he did so or not on that occasion it does not appear; but in this discourse he gave very definite instructions as to the manner of seeking communion with

the Infinite Presence. God, as the inmost fountain of life and love, dwells inmostly in all men; and he works from that inmost of the soul to sanctify and redeem; and it is in this inmost of the spirit where the Divine Presence is to be sought, and where the Divine kingdom is to be established. It is the innermost nature in man which constitutes the religious nature, and it is from this nature that his aspirations for the good, the pure, holy, just and true arise. It is in this innermost nature in man, that neaven is to become established. Here it is that God is to be enthroned, and here in this innermost nature the spirit of truth is to come and abide forever with the individual and lead him into all truth.

True prayer, therefore, consists in withdrawing from the external and carnal condition of the mind, that is, of the perceptions affections and cognitions; and seeking those for the time being, is truthful in spirit, is pure in heart, is holy in desires, is just and faithful in purpose, and, in status, he draws nigh unto the Heavenly Father.

The religiously infidel and unbelieving one often inquires of the earnest suppliant, what is the use of praying to your God? Do you ings as are incident to such communion.

The time being, is truthful in spirit, is interior states in which greater nearness of the list and sincerity; in a spirit of purity and holiness; in a spirit of gentleness and love; attained. It is in reality an effort of the soul to become absolutely truthful, pure, holy, his door against all intrusion from without, that nothing obstruct in him the conscious ings as are incident to such communion.

This essential condition is found by withdrawing the mind from all externals, in thought, in feeling, in desire and aspiration, that, in its conscious perceptions it may dwell in its innermost state, in the presence of the Divine in the inmost of the soul. This sense of need giving impulse to prayer, arises instinctively in the spirit, as the impulse to take the mother's breast arises instinctively in the new born babe. It is the Divine love doing for the spirit, that which needs to be done, until it is sufficiently unfolded to perceive and act for itself. Prayer, therefore, in its spiritual and religious sense can reach to the Divine only when offered in the innerto the Divine only when offered in the innermost of the spirit; for in that state only can the soul come to the Father in the Heavens; and receive from Him that effluence which can supply its utmost need.

The effort of the soul in offering its prayer is to find a state of oneness with the Divine Father, that it may dwell in Him and that He may dwell in it. Comprehending thus the nature of prayer in its spiritual and religious sense, and comprehending the state of the spirit from which alone it can be offered, and the uses of the same when offered we are het. the uses of the same when offered, we are better enabled to understand the significance of the language employed by Jesus, when he instructed his disciples how to pray. We also are enabled to understand why Jesus had not exercised them in the art of praying in public as the pharisees and hypocrites did.

Said he, when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are; for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the crossings of the streets, that they may be seen of men. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when they beet shat the to thy closet; and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father who is in secret and thy Father who seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. And when ye pray use not vain repetition as the heathen do; for they think they shall be heard for their much speaking. Therefore be ye not like unto them; for your Therefore be ye not like unto them; for your heavenly Father knoweth what things ye have need of before you ask Him. By these instructions Jesus very plainly taught that the use of prayer is not to inform God of one's needs or desires. Nor is it to argue with God, to induce Him to supply the same; because the Father is always ready and willing even more willing than are earthly parents to supply the needs of their children. He taught that real prayer in the Christ sense calls the that real prayer in the Christ sense, calls the individual to the closet with closed doors, that he may be free from all external influence, with none but the Divine ear to hear his holiest desire, his deepest wish, his abso-

By prayer in the Christ sense, one seeks to become absolutely true, pure, holy, just and good. And he seeks to be free from external influences that he may be so. Every earnest soul who has sought communion in the closet knows that there he is truthful in spirit; there he is pure in heart; there he rises to his best spiritual condition, and as he yields all into the keeping of the Divine Father, he re-ceives of his Infinite Fullness. Therefore prayer is peculiarly an exercise of the closet; and it can not be truly engaged in, if disturbed by the presence of others so as to be called out into the thoughts, feelings and external calculations as to its appropriateness or its effect upon others. Therefore, said Jesus, when ye pray, enter into your closet; and when ye have shut your door, pray to the Father in secret.

But where is this closet to be found into which one must enter, and shut his door against all jatrusion from without? where he is to hold his secret tryst with the Divine Father? where he is to erect the altar on which his silent offerings are to be made? In what direction must one seek to find the way leading to this closet and this altar? There is but one answer. The closet which is to become the audience chamber of heaven, and within which Divine Love will meet the soul in secret tryst, is to be found in the inner-most where the Divine Father forever dwells as Creator and Providence. And the altar upon which all sacrifices and offerings are to be made, is the heart the seat and center of the affections, as the life of the spirit.

Entering into this closet and shutting the loor for prayer, consists in withdrawing the thoughts; feelings and desires from the external, from all disturbing influences, which in any degree tend to interrupt our inward journeyings to that spiritual tabernacle with its sanctuary and its ark, containing the tables, upon which God has written with his own finger, the law and the testimony which gives the soul redemption and salvation. The call for prayer is that which seeks to bring man into this innermost sanctuary, that he may be able to make his offerings and receive his spiritual blessings. And it is the Divine voice heard in this innermost temple which is continually saying to all existence, "Come up higher." It is the voice of the Christ, saying to humanity: "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy ladened, and I will give you rest." Thus, the use of prayer in the Christ sense, is to bring the soul into its more interior condition, where its capacity is both enlarged and quickened. Divine Love and Wisdom are there forever present, to hear and answer all earnest and fervent expressions of spiritual need.

But to enter this closet and to approach this altar, the suppliant must come in a spirit of faith and trust; in a spirit of truthfulmeans, that the promise of Jesus to the real suppliant is realized. He then asks and receives. He then seeks and finds. He then

knocks and the door is opened unto him. God the Father as Divine Providence, is every where present, and is always ready to bestow upon his human children of his own Infinite Fullness, both in this life and in that which awaits us; and the reason that all do not receive of such fullness, is, that they do not seek in themselves those conditions of recipiency which are indispensable to enable them to receive. They do not ask from a condition in which they can receive; and they do not seek such condition from which they can ask in spirit and in truth. They do not knock at the door which leads to such condition. In short, they do not keep the commandments.

The difference between true prayer offered from the closet of the soul upon the altar of the heart in the Divine Presence and that formal petitioning, called prayer, offered in the synagogues, in the streets, and in other public places, as a formal service or as a re-ligious duty, is as great as the difference be-tween the carnal and the spiritual man; as between the unregenerate and the regener-ate man; as between the love of self and the love of God: as between the anti-Christ and love of God; as between the anti-Christ and the Christ of God. Petitioning belongs to the legal system; praying to the Christ or the Christian system.

With the earnest seeker after the Christ status, while on his way calling for assistance all along the road, petitioning has immostly in it, when sincere, the spirit which leads to prayer. It is a kind of John Baptist preparprayer. It is a kind of John Baptist preparing the way and making the path straight, for the incoming Christ. It lifts the thoughts feelings and desires of the suppliant to the highest and best spiritual status that is in him; and brings his life into that part of his being, which is toward God, and which tends to awaken in him humanings and thirdings. to awaken in him hungerings and thirstings after righteousness. While it does not bring him into the clear light of the sun of righte-

In his petitions he may ask for things impossible; he may ask from imperfect perceptions and imperfect affections. But there is in the true religious petitioner a desire for the higher and better; and he is making an effort to realize it, which is a step in the right direction; and, if earnestly and persistently practiced in a spirit of truthfulness, it will cause the door to be opened, through which he will enter be receive higher perceptions, purer affections and holier aspirations for the attainment of the statue of perfect manhood in Christ. But this will be so only with those, who are earnest, honest and sincere in their petitions; who have faith and trust in the Divine Father; and who thus seek to know and do his will without being moved thereto by selfish considera ions, in any of their many forms of manifestation.

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Two True Men.

O. H. P. Kinney-William Denton.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: Two true and gifted men have begun their higher life. Mr. Kinney's was as near a perfect life on earth as is seen once in a century. Holding official trusts, having much political influence from his clear judgment and sagacious foresight, no man ever questioned his honor, or his fidelity to his own convictions. He earnestly advocated what he believed to be right. An avowed Spiritualist, where such opinions were not popular. he never compromised in speech or action; frank and outspoken there was such rare sweetness, such harmony and self-poise in his nature, that none could condemn him. A simple modesty made the fine eloquence of his public speech all the more captivating, and the breadth and clearness, of his intel lect all the more a surprise and a delight. What a precious friend! What peace and serenity of spirit filled the very air around him! How perfectly men trusted him! No marvel that a great multitude were at his funeral. Lyman C. Howe's tribute to his worth in your columns was well deserved. He knew him longer and better than I did, and his exceeding worth grew in one's mind

the more he was known. My valued friend, William Denton, whom I have hardly seen for years, has gone where there is ample scope for wider research. Tender and true; gentle as a lamb, but braver than any lion; upright and downright; full of enthusiasm; an exact scientist and a decided Spiritualist; the best popular geological lecturer in America, with an unrivalled power to make the details of that noble science glowing and poetic, and full of entranc-ing interest and selid value; of untiring ining interest and solid value; of unitring industry, and a persistence that conquered all obstacles; of a moral courage that knew no fear; a warmth of beautiful affection to family and friends, and a clean life devoted to true ends. He grew, too, in spiritual insight and religious depth. Called an iconolact and a destructive heretic by many he clast and a destructive heretic by many, he was, after a manly and genuine way, a re-ligious man, full of reverence for truth and

He was of great value, because he could be relied on to stand firm and to speak plain. Genuineness was his great virtue, and for all cant or sham, for all shaky morality or specious pleas for vice he had a frauk contempt. What a romance was his life! Working his way up through obstacles that would have appalled most men; "bating no jot of heart

or hope;" always looking upward—that was the secret of his inspiration.

And now, on a distant Continent beyond the wide Pacific, comes the great change to him. How it came we know not, as yet, but even if by some rude shock, that would soon be over, and he would be at home, self-possessed, buoyant and active as ever; for he knew something of the Summer Land whither he has gone, and could soon realize the largeness and naturalness of life there. It is needless to say: "Peace be with him," for needless to say: "Peace be with him," for peace is with him, and courage and new enthusiasm for his work; and the love he bore those near and dear on earth—that, too, is deeper than ever. G. B. STEBBINS. deeper than ever. G. B. Detreit, Mich, Nov. 22nd, 1883.

Letter from Mexico.

AGNASCALIENTES, Mexico, Oct. 30th, 1883. We have here a city of 20,000 inhabitants, situated in the usual Mexican way, at the foot of a long valley and surrounded by high mountains. The elevation of this place above the ocean level is said to be 7,000 feet, and though across the range of mountains on the west only 300 miles, the temperature is very great; here the climate is really de-lightful. In this latitude (21° north) it can-not he expected that the direct rays of the not no expected that the direct rays of the sun are not hot, but in the shade it is never uncomfortably so, owing to the presence of a cool breeze. At evening it is sufficiently cool for heavy clothing, and before morning nearly as great a quantity of bed clothing is required as in New England. This point is expected to become a railroad center, through the branches of the Maximum Control from the branches of the Mexican Central from Tampico on the east and San Blas on the west, making junction here; but from a conversation with the chief engineer, Major Early, I am-led to conclude that Largos, a place sixty miles south of here, is more nearly the natural point of meeting, hence may secure it, though the Mexican people do not ousness, it does turn his face toward the rising sun, that he may catch a glimpse of the things; they make no efforts and offer no independent of the state of th ducements, but, on the contrary, they seek to secure the highest price possible for ev-erything that is wanted by an American. They have no business judgment or commercial sense; they have no standard of value for anything, cannot arrive at a decision as to the true value of an article, but make a guess, which is sure to be far too high; then almost in the same breath and before one can possibly reply, will ask the question, "Quanto U quire dar?" (what will you give?) They are very crafty and quick to see that they are incompetent to deal with Americans, hence in attempting to protect themselves, they make themselves appear ridiculous by the extravagance of their demands and the rapidity with which they will recede at times. An instance illustrating this point: A party holding a vast amount of land along the line of the railroad insisted upon \$60,000 damages for the right of way. The company offered him \$12,500, and on his rejection of their offer, commenced proceedings to have the land condemned under the law as is provided in the act of concession, when the offer was immediately accepted by him. This place is said to have been founded in A. D. 1575. A monument erected in the grand plaza, is so inscribed. Let those interested read up Ban-croft, and decide upon the probability of this for themselves. There is little of special interest not mentioned in connection with the

country in former letters.

The name Agnascationtes signifies literally agnas (waters), calientes (hot), and as may be supposed, there are hot springs here. The water comes bubbling up through the fine sand-at a temperature of from 20 degrees to 33 degrees Centigrade, which is equal to 68 degrees to 91% degrees Fahrenheit; it is very clear and soft and probably possesses no medicinal quality, though it is claimed here, of course, that it has. There is a large public pool, free to all, and is continually in use by old and young of both sexes at the same time, nothing being thought immodest in it. There are also good bath houses erect-ed over the different springs, and over the door of each is registered the temperature of the water within. The charge is from 20 to 25 cents per bath room, not to exceed one hour, nor over four persons at a time; any excess over that number, 5 cents each additional. Families take a bath room together as freely as they would surround the family pot of "chili con queso" a preparation of peppers and cheese, and a national dish.) It is said that when the services of a servant are required, and soap and towels are supplied, an extra charge of 6 cents is made for towels, and 2 cents for soap. There are about fifty of these rooms, and the demand is larger than the supply. A "seca" (ditch) conducts the water from the springs to the city, cemented on the bottom about two feet wide and the sides about three feet high. This is over half a mile in length from the springs to the railroad, to which place it is open at the top, and all along it may be seen the lavanderas (washer women) pursuing their vocation quietly among the pueblos (common people) of all ages, sizes, colors, sexes and condition, bathing themselves. The street cars run along the line of this seca, and a ride there presents a scene not again to be desired, and serves to increase one's constantly gnawing wonder upon what the Mexicans base their claim to refinement, though in justice to the gente fina (upper class) it should be said, that their ladies do not indulge in the public baths.

There are two lines of street cars, one starting from one side of the plaza, the other from the other, but soon coming together Astrology.

BY W. H. CHANEY.

In his article on "The Delusion of Astrology," published October 27th, W. E. Coleman

"Astrology received its death stroke from Copernicus.....Occasionally some man of moderate intelligence, some scientific smatterer, has arisen, professing a belief in the disproven vagaries of ancient astrological lore ... At present this science (!) is almost entirely confined to unscrupulous charlatans, calling themselves astrologers, who earn a dishonest livelihood, etc."

Will Mr. Coleman be kind enough to refer me to the time, place and circumstances, when and where, that "death stroke" came "from Copernicus?" I am so ignorant, such a "scientific smatterer," that I never even heard of it until thus announced by Mr. Coleman, who is evidently the embodiment of all wisdom and all science. As he declares, I am a "man of moderate intelligence," but very anxious to learn, and I know not where to seek for the information desired, save from him, the fountain of all knowledge. Never until now have I been able to comprehend how very superior he is to men who take high rank as scientists, for he is so far above them that he sees them only as "scientific smatterers." I will explain how this

Copernicus was born in 1473, and he dealt a "death stroke to astrology." Of course astrology was killed at that time; if not, then it was not a death stroke. Astrology having died at that date, since then only men of "moderate intelligence" and "scientific smatterers" have arisen to advocate the claims of doad astrology. Among these deluded "scientific smatterers" who have learned and practised astrology, are the following: Tycho Brahe, born in 1546; Lord Bacon,

born in 1561; Galileo, born in 1564; Kepler, born in 1571; the poet Dryden, born in 1631; Sir Isaac Newton, born in 1643; Flamstead, Sir Isaac Newton, born in 1643; Flamstead, the first Astronomer Royal of England, who drew a horoscope, which is still preserved in a folio vellum-bound manuscript, page two, at the Greenwich Observatory. See further, "Houe's Every Day Book;" Lord Napier, born in 1617, who invented Logarithms on purpose to facilitate his astrological calculations. I might extend this list almost indefinitely, but deem it unnecessary. See further, "The Taxt-Book of Astrology: by Alfred J. Pearce." Text-Book of Astrology; by Alfred J. Pearce; London: Cousins & Co., 1879."

What a reservoir of knowledge the head of Mr. Coleman must be, since he knows more about astrology than all these men combined. Besides, it seems that they did not understand a horoscope at ail, for they taught that the "first house" was below the earth, whereas Mr. Coleman in invales that it is above the earth. No wonder he calls them 'scientific smatterers" since they made such a blunder. Furthermore, these men of "moderate intelligence" taught that the "twelfth house" occupied the first 30° above the eastern horizon; but Mr. Coleman assures usand of course he knows—that it is the one "next to the western horizon." He further informs us that "these imaginary houses' were devised by ignorant men." This, then, accounts for the blunders of these old dolts. What a pity that our prodigy of intelligence had not been their teachers, so they might have known how to map out the heavens and locate the mundane houses!

rating us as fools; we are knaves as well- ominous of evil." What food for reflection honest livelihood." in these few words! Here I am, an old "unscrupulous smatterer," nearly sixty-three years old, and have always managed so craftily that never before have I been found out and exposed. But like most fools, I have brought it all on myself for daring to raise my puny pen against the great Mogul of in-telligence! As the convicted felon says on the gallows: "Let my sad fate prove a warn-ing to others."

Mr. Coleman says I gave him a horoscope

of himself, sixteen years ago. Perhaps I did; I do not remember, but will say that sixteen years ago last May the believers in Jesus, of New York City, immured me in Ludlow Street Jail, where they kept me, for the glove of God twenty sight weeks. the glory of God, twenty-eight weeks. At that time I was studying astrology with Dr. L. D. Broughton, whose office is now at 66 West Fourth Street. I had not commenced the practice myself, but often acted as his amanuensis in writing a nativity. Mr. Coleman says that he "also read similar horoscopes of two lady friends," given by me. Now all astrologers are so stupid that they call a map of the heavens for a given hour, a horoscope, from the Greek ora, hour, and skopos, observing. Only an astrologer can "read a horoscope," and from reading the horoscope he calculates and writes out the nativity in plain language. Strange that I should give these horoscopes to the ladies, unless they were astrologers. But probably everybody is wrong except Mr. Coleman, who always seems to be right. The map of the heavens should be called a "nativity," and then the written calculations, for the non-professional to read, is the "horoscope." But how could "unscrupulous smatterers" be expected to know this without being so informed by Mr. Coleman? But suppose I have made mistakes in the three cases mentioned, they are only failures, and failures merely prove that man is finite and imperfect. Doctors, lawyers, mediums, mathematicians, etc.. continually make mistakes, yet we do not condemn them or their sciences on three trials, when they are mere novices, and then say we "need no more 'tests.'

The burden of Mr. Coleman's article is in keeping with the points to which I have alluded, and therefore I consider it a waste of time to reply to each separately. To be serious, I have never seen an attack upon astrology which betrayed such a lack of information, as to what its friends claim for it, as this effasion of Mr. Coleman. It reminds me of the old saying: "When a wise man errs, his error is so palpable that even a fool can perceive it." His arguments (if they deserve the name) remind me of an enemy of Galileo who wrote a book, reasoning by analogy, as Mr. Coleman does, and proving conclusively, like Mr. Coleman, that Jupiter had no moons. Subsequently, when Galileo had his telescope pointed at the planet Jupiter, he invited his enemy to look through it and see the moon's for himself. But no; the man had proved scientifically and mathematically, that Jupiter I ad no moons, and like Mr. Coleman, de-

Mr. Coleman has fallen into the popular error of supposing that I teach that the stars and planets influence the destinies of mortals, thus proving the doctrine of a fixed destiny for each individual. Strange, if he has known me, or even known of me, six-teen years, and has not learned that I teach the very opposite. I hold that it is our ante-natal conditions that make us what we are, and that the planets simply "indicate" our status. When a murderer has been conceived, Nature does not interfere to change his

status, but merely writes "murderer" on his brow so that the physiognomist may read it, and then hastens or retards the period of gestation so that he may be born at a time when the configuration of the heavenly bodies may be read by the astrologer as readily as the brow by the physiologist. To me, one method of giving warning is no more marvellous than the other, while the professors of both are liable to failure, because the infinite can never be accurately comprehended by the finite mind. This is the rock where-on our orthodox friends shipwreck their claims to philosophy, for they have ever claimed that they understood God by reason of their enlightenment by the Holy Spirit.

Astrology can never be proved or disproved by argument, and therefore I am not a little surprised that a man of Mr. Coleman's intelligence (for, seriously, I think him both honest and intelligent, notwithstanding he rates me as an "unscrupulous smatterer,") should have devoted two columns and a half to an impossibility. He has done just what the enemies of Spiritualism are constantly doing, when they ignore "tests" and try to prove by analogy that spirit communion is not true. Spiritualism, like astrology, is based upon the law of induction, and reasoned upon a posteriori. But Mr. Coleman, substituting analogy for induction, and a priori for a posteriori, has been toiling in vain.

As a theme for the curious, and not by way of argument, I will refer to a few predictions by astrologers, well authenticated, and ask the reader to account for their fulfillments on some theory other than that of astrology. Gen. Revere, a descendant of Paul Revere of the "Midnight Ride to Lexington," is the author of "Keel and Saddle," in which he relates an interview with "Stonewall" Jackson, in 1852, when he learned that Jackson was an astrologer. Subsequently "Stone-wall" sent Gen. Revere the result of the calculations of some primary directions which seemed to threaten Jackson's life the first days in May, 1863. He was killed May 2nd,

Kepler calculated the nativity of Wallen stein, when but a boy, predicting his future greatness. Wallenstein afterwards learned the science, and when the "Snow King" invaded Germany, with his Swedes, having ob-tained the data of Gustavus Adolphus's birth, and calculated his nativity, discovered that his rival's nativity was as strong as his own. and then, for ten weeks, to the astonishment of all Europe, Wallenstein's army lay in camp, near the Swedes, without offering to attack them. Wallestein also discovered a similarity in the two nativities, and that both would die near the same, time. Hence, when he learned of the death of Gustavus, in 1632, he knew his own time was near. He

was assassinated in 1634. In 1856 a very intelligent English astrologer published "Astrology as it is and not as it has been Represented." On pages 156-7 and 8, respectively, he inserts the horoscopes of Napoleon I., Louis Philippe and Napoleon III. In his comments upon the first two the author says: "In both these cases Saturn, from his position in the Midheaven, brought trouble during the latter part of their lives—both having died in exile." His comments on the last are as follows: "Here also we find Saturn unfortunately placed in an angle, the Saturn unfortunately placed in an angle, the Midheaven; the moon also in an angle, in square to Saturn. Time will show whether his Imperial Majesty will suffer losses and disgrace in his advanced years, the same as But Mr. Coleman is not satisfied with be- his predecessor and imperial uncle; it is

crupulous charlatans" who earn a "dis-st livelihood." What food for reflection Return for Rufus Hatch, a noted operator in stocks, but now the leading spirit in the hotel monopoly of the National Park, devoting about two weeks to the calculations for a single year. I not only forecast the good and evil periods for himself, but for the City of New York. I predicted an earthquake, a panic in stocks and a riot, fixing the time for all the events between the 20th of June and 10th of July. I waited until the 8th of July, and hearing nothing of any of the events expected, wrote to Mr. Hatch expressing great discouragement at my failure. supposing that I had made the same failures regarding his personal events. His reply, which I still preserve, is dated July 18th, 1871, and from it I make the following ex-

"Your predictions regarding myself have proved as near true as possible.... As regards your predictions concerning New York City, they have proved partially correct. A slight shock of earthquake occurred here about the 10th of June, and on Long Island, Staten Island and Jersey it was the severest shock they have ever had. On the 21st of June we had a regular Wall Street panic, resulting in the failure of one of the largest speculators in the street, together with some eighteen stock firms, involving a loss of millions. The prices of some stocks fluctuated twenty per cent. in as many minutes and the excitement was intense.... I presume you have heard of the terrible riot here on the 12th of this month, in which some fifty persons were killed on the spot, over a hundred and fifty wounded (many of whom will not recover), and numbers arrested. This is another instance where you were right, excepting the date—the riot occurring after, and the earthquake before, the time you fixed for them. the panic, however, was on time. You see, therefore, so far from having occasion to be discouraged, you have every reason to feel

I will add in conclusion that I will leave the reader to judge whether or not I deserve to be rated as a "man of moderate intelligence," but am frank enough to admit that as I contemplate the vast fields of the, to me, unknown in nature, I feel as though it is impossible for Mr. Coleman to have so contemptible an opinion of my ignorance as I have myself. As to my being "unscrupul-ous," and earning a "dishonest livelihood," I can only say that my worst enemies, who know me, will defend me from any such suspicion. The labors of my life have been given to humanity. I have ever befriended he poor and unfortunate, often giving away to others when actually needy myself. At this very time I am giving all my services to settle the estate of a dear friend, Dr. James Keck (and have been for nearly two months), that I may save his widow and orphan from the harpies of the law. And yet I am so poor that I am unable to make some much needed additions to my scanty wardrobe. The companion of my old age sometimes murmurs because I "look so shabby," but she is a noble woman and at heart is with me in all my struggles for the reformation and elevation of humanity. Portland, Oregon.

Opportunity has hair in front; behind she is bald. If you seize her by the forelock you, may hold her, but, it suffered to escape, no Jupiter himself can catch her again.—Latin

Horsford's Acid Phosphate AS A BRAIN FOOD.

For the Religio-Philosophical Journal. Brain Waves: Zo-ether, or the Spirit Atmosphere of the Universe.

BY HUDSON TUTTLE.

Scattered thickly through the columns of the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL and other spiritual publications are innumerable facts showing the influence of mind on mind. In the study of the mysterious realm of which they form the foundation, we desire, first, to learn the principle or law which shall bring their divergent evidence into unity and harmony. We, as Spiritualists, wish to know how much is mundane, and how much spiritual; wherein these two differ, and be enabled to separate the two. In at once approaching this investigation per-haps the words of the spirits themselves may have certain weight, and I introduce their communications, first because it strikes me as the true one, and second, because to them belong the credit of the prior statement of a principle which in spiritual things is almost as powerful as gravitation in the physical

The second volume of the "Arcana of Nature" was published in 1860, but was written through me some time previously. As I have repeatedly said, to myself belongs no credit for what this and other of my books contain, except that of an amanuensis, writing faithfully what is given him to write. The position taken in that work by its spirit author is one which elaborated, unitizes all mental and spiritual phenomena, and furnishes an explanation of those which have been regarded as the most mysterious. As I have recently learned, an English scientist has advanced almost the identical theory in explanation of the influence of mind on mind, will quote from this work, the publication of which antedates this theorizer by a score of years (page 132):

"A mysterious sympathy exists between all Hving beings. Attraction and repulsion are exerted by animals as well as man. The swarms of medusæ in the ocean, congregate by the same law as the shoals of fishes, herds of bison and wild horse on the Western plains, orman in the complex relations of society.'

"Love is a fervent manifestation of the same principle. The north and south; male and female; from highest to lowest; from protophyte to man attraction and repulsion rule with iron sway."

"When strange herds of animals are mingled, how soon they separate if left to themselves! So in society how kindred spirits unite in bonds of friendship, and the bad avoid the contact of the good."

... "The same sympathy is often shown by persons twin born. Instances are recorded in which although at a capside rable distance.

in which, although at a considerable distance from each other, the same malady appeared in both at the same time and ran precisely the same course.'

"A young lady was suddenly seized with an unwarrantable horror, followed by convulsions, which the attending physicians, unable to account for, said exactly resembled the sufferings of a person drowning. Soon after news came that her twin brother had at that identical moment fallen overboard and been drowned.

"A strong sympathy also exists between parents and children, husband and wife, and between intimate friends, so that when one is in trouble or unfortunate the other becomes conscious thereof.

"Very often persons who are unimpressible when awake are impressible when asleep, or become sensitive..... How often do we hear when entering a company, 'Oh! we were just speaking of you;' and the old proverb em-bodies the same in 'The devil is near when you are talking about him."

'If we trace the relations of this sympathy we shall find that-(1) Animals can influence animals; (2) Man can influence animals; (3) Animals can influence man; (4) Man can influeuce man.'

These propositions are sustained by an array of facts which might be multiplied to

almost any extent. "Shall we call this influence thought What is thought? How does it reproduce itself in the mind of another?....These curious phenomena have long been observed and speculated upon. One thing is certain, they do not arise from imagination, for we see them in animals that cannot be so refer-

To produce results so uniform, we must assume a common cause. Hence we refer this entire class to Zo-ether, or what perhaps will be better understood, nerve aura, in which living beings can excite undulations or waves. As there is a light or chromeether, so is there a magnetic, life or Zo-ether, which fills all space.

Though we are surrounded by such an atmosphere, we have no instrument to ascertain its presence as we do that of electricity. The only reliable test is the sensitive brain. The brain feels its waves, and is to them what the most delicate electrometer is to electricity, or the finest iodized plate to light.

"There is an influence excited on each other unconsciously, which cannot be felt by the nerves in their ordinary state, but which is plainly seen by the aid of clairvoyance. To the spiritual eye every individual appears like a luminous center throwing Zo-ethic waves in every direction as a lamp throws off waves of light."

In the "Arcana of Spiritualism," published The 1876, these views are greatly extended; after the statement of many facts bearing on the subject it is said (page 184):

"Whatever this influence may be it must pass across greater or less distances to produce the effects observed. It cannot be transmitted across a void; it must have its own means of conduction. What do the facts teach? They all point in one direction and are subsceptible of generalization as flowing from one common source—a universal spiritual ether.'

It will thus be seen that there is no mystery in one mind becoming cognizant of the thoughts of another mind, for if in sympathy such a result is sure to follow. As a lamp gives light, because it is able to set the lightmedium in motion, or give off waves therein; so the brain gives off waves, or is a pulsating center in the spirit-ether, or Zo-ether. These waves go outward and form the sphere of the individual, as the waves of light go out and form the sphere of light around an incandescent body.

To be recognized, they must strike against a sensitive or sympathetic brain, wherein they may be reproduced. By sympathetic we mean one which for want of a better term, we will say is similarly attuned. Thus when two musical instruments are placed at some distance from each other, and one is played, if they are not attuned in harmony, the other will give no response; but if they are, then when one is touched the other answers note for note.

The brain being a pulsating center its thoughts as they go out in waves, have to other brains a tangible representation. The Zo-ether pulsating with innumerable waves may be regarded as a universal thought-at- flict? For so sure as the last grand struggle

gather from it thoughts and ideas which its pulsations express.

Of great interest is this theory to the Spiritualist, for while it narrows the field of spirit-influence by explaining some of the most mysterious phenomena usually referred to spirit-control, without calling to its aid spiritual beings, it marks out the great law by which such beings control the sensitive minds of mediums and indicates the method by which such beings become cognizant of the thoughts of each other. Man being a spirit, confined and limited by a physical body, through the sensitive brain he, under certain conditions, breaks through, and away from, his limitations, and feels the waves of thought created by others in the Zo-ether or

spirit-atmosphere. When detached from the physical body, the spirit possesses the same power in larger degree, and impresses its thoughts on the sensitive in the same manner. The freed spirit, sensitive beyond mortal conception, through and by its spirit brain, catches thought from the ether-atmosphere, as a planet catches the rays of heat and light from the sun. The freed spirit in the most exalted sensitive-ness, is en rapport with all spiritual intelligence, and as it were, the central office of infinite diverging channels of telegraphic communication. As it advances in this sensitiveness these channels broaden and multiply, and distance becomes an unknown factor; for when one thinks of another, the thought wings its way until it meets the one for whom it was intended.

Thus we perceive that what has been made the toy of a leisure hour, the imperfect attempts at thought reading, and the mystery of communion of minds sympathetic, is really the crude manifestation of an undevelop-ed faculty, which often the evolution wrought by death, becomes the glory of spirit-exist-

Lectures of Monsignor Capel.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal:

It appears that a somewhat learned foreign gentleman, Mgr. Capel, is now amongsteus for our enlightenment; we presume, as a propagandist of Catholicism. He appears to hob-nob with the higher dignitaries of that ancient Church, for we observe from one paper, that in Cincinnati he was the guest of 'Archbishop elect Elder of the Cathedral residence." (whoever or whatever that may be) and from another that, in your metropolitan city of Chicago, he was listened to by a 'large representation of the Catholic clergy,' and many distinguished laymen, including sufficient of lesser lights to yield, as net proceeds of the meeting, a large sum for the St. Vincent's Foundlings' Home.

This latter result, properly applied, will certainly be good for the foundlings.

His talk in Cincinnati was mainly an at tack upon the character and memory, of that (to him) arch heretic, Martin Luther. Amongst other things he is reported to have said that "Luther's heresy was special, in that it was a revolt against the principal authority and the assertion of the right of private judg-ment;" that "Luther's teaching tends to ra-tionalism and agnoticism," and that "Com-munism is one of its fruits."

In Chicago he took another tack in an address on "The Catholic Church and Modern Thought," making effort to show that said old Mother Church "is not the opponent of intellectual liberty;" but is on the lead in the encouragement of all learning and en-

Jesuitical sophistry may be able to make his sentiments expressed in Cincinnati, tally with the position taken in Chicago; but plain men cannot see it so.

If Luther was a "heretic" for his "assertion of the right of private judgment" and for teaching "rationalism," then the Catholic Churca was not and is not the "great supporter of the human intellect in the reception of truth." tion of truth.

But we must take care how we tread upon the logical toes of this fighting man since we are duly notified that "his father told him never to seek a fight, but never to refuse

We do not propose to offer a "fight;" but we venture to suggest to the American public, that while they extend due courtesy to a stranger, they will exercise their usual discrimination and decline to swallow without criticism and with open mouths, the assertions and sophistries of this arrogant propagandist.

Shades of Giordano Bruno! of Galileo-Galilei, Father in science! shades of the tens of thousands of martyrs to liberty of conscience and the right of private judgment! spirits of the murdered victims in the massacre of St. Bartholomew! What shall we say to this man who dares to ask the people of "the land of the free and the home of the brave" (which he is reported to have quoted with a sneer)hat shall we say, when he tells us to ignore the historical teachings of centuries? Let the shricks of agony from the dungeons of the Inquisitions—from the victims of the holocausts of the faggot and the stake, give point to our answer!

Let the spirit of Henri Arnaud—the pastor and brave leader of the hunted bands of the Waldenses in the mountains of Savoy-as brave and true a people as ever trod the suffering earth (according to Milton)

"Whose bones Lie bleaching on the Alpine mountains cold;"

a sect claiming connection an descent from a Church more pure and almost as old as the one now assuming the role of a paragon of enlightenment and liberty; but then (only about 200 years ago), sending her emissaries —helf horrors—to do her devil's work of ex-terminating with every appliance of savage cruelty, this noble people. Let the spirit of Henri Arnaud, we say, answer to the teeth this peripatetic promulgator of historical falsehoods

We notice in another paper of to-day the

following:
"ROME, Nov. 13.—The American Catholic Bishops held their first meeting to-day at the Droppoganda. All the cardinals of the Propaganda were present. The principal question discussed was that of addressing a demand to the Government of the United States that the relations between Church and State shall be based upon Canon

What are we to gather from the indica-tions of the times other than that the Catholic Church, being partly bereft of her power and prestige in Europe, is laying her cun-ning plans for attaining ascendency in this broad land? Such a possible attempt has been long foreseen; but are its advocates so bold that they dare thus openly show their

Does it not become all sincere and earnest liberal thinkers to be on the alert? And is t not specially incumbent upon all true Spiritualists to cease their family jars—their Spiritualism with an "adjective" or without an "adjective"-with a "creed" or without a and organize their forces for the con-

mosphere, and the sensitive brain is able to of truth with bigotry and intolerance comes -as come it must in some form, if it is not now upon us-Spiritualists, with light from the angel world to confirm and strengthen them, must be in the van, or be dereliet in

their duty.

Returning to Capel's speech in Chicago, we might readily point out further inconsistencies, misstatements and false logic, and that all her boasted schools, colleges, asylums, homes, originated with the church leaders more as nurseries in the line of prepagandism than as institutions of benevolence, though it is benevolence in the hearts of the people that make them successful. But need we say more?

When he avers that "those who assert the Catholic Church was the opponent of intellectual liberty, asserted it because they had an interest," (meaning of course a selfish or dishonest interest) he becomes the maligner of thousands. Large numbers of liberal peaple, including this writer, are acquainted with many good citizens who are Catholics, to whom they freely acknowledge the right to worship in their own peculiar ways without let or hindrance—even numbering them as personal friends and only desiring for their own good, they might learn truer and broader views of human nature, human hopesand human responsibilities, thus becoming less dependent upon ancient superstition and dogmas; yet we harbor no unbrotherly feeling or sinister motive in deprecating the influences that, through the Catholic Church,. have long rested as an incubus upon truly liberal thought and advanced science.

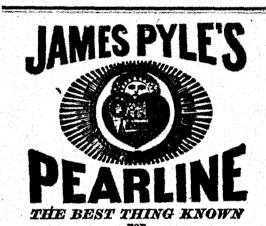
But full well do such as we are, know that the same damnable doctrine of infallibility of inspiration, as by apostolic succession, is still claimed by the Romish Church; and the same right to control the consciences of men,. the same as they have always claimed, and that the intention of the Church to enforce such claims has not long since been avowed -to become operative just as soon as ade-

quate power shall be attained. But let them be content to enjoy their liberty of conscience side by side with their brethren of other persuasions; for, while we desire to cultivate charity towards all; remember that the blood of the martyrs still flows in the veins of our countrymen, and that thousands will gladly rush to their apotheosis of blood and flame, ere she. whocrushed Europe into darkness for more than a thousand years, be again permitted to rivether chains around the bodies and minds of the unwilling millions of their native land.

We as Spiritualists are well aware that the devil, the fall of man and the vicarious atonement, are tripartite myths upon which the world has been fooled for ages, and that too many still hug the chains that bind them to these superstitious follies which no mind of true culture, in this age, can entertain for a

So we can say to Mgr. Capel who is doubtless dyed in the wool and saturated with such nonsense: "You cannot fool us with any infallible inspiration to which our reason must be surrendered. Go to!—you may make head amongst the thoughtless rabble, but the truly enlightened men and women of America can detect your false claims and sophistries, and are beyond your reach."

I conclude, Mr. Editor, by truthfully signing myself: One whose forefather was burned by that "Liberal Church" (?) for conscience sake.



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Woman and the Household.

BY HESTER M. POOLE, [Metuchen, New Jersey.]

TRUSTFULNESS. In peace the day is ended, and the night Falleth as doth a veil upon the sea; Along its bosom comes with swift-winged flight The gray mists, silently.

O anxious heart, how Nature speaks! Her power How leisurely she uses! How intense The infinite peace of her most fruitful hour! How soft her influence!

Time hath she for her storms to sweep the main; To rock the tree tops with her winds of wrath; To bring forth fragrance in the summer rain; And time for snow she hath!

So dear, for all thy eager soul desires, She keeps sweet times and seasons. In her mood Is hid for thee all passion's subtle fires To round thy womanhood.

Cease, then! and in this dewy twilight move As one who asks not whither, cares not why; This gift for all holds still the Eternal love— God's endless by-and-by.

The answer to Dr. Hammond's estimate of Woman in the North American Review for June, is by Mrs. Blake, Miss Nina Morais, Mrs. S. A. Underwood and Dr. Clemence S. Lozier, in the same review for November. Our readers, if they have not perused the able papers in their entirety, will be glad of these extracts. We give some paragraphs from the

first paper in order, by MISS NINA MORAIS,

ical condition which he states to be "a normal condition of the female organism."

tions, but the expression of a long germinating idea which the war time brought prematurely into prominence, The French Revolution had not fired the hearts of men, without sending a spark into the breasts of the mothers of men. Mary Wolstoncraft, the first vindicator of the rights of woman, dedicated to Talleyrand the work which strove to impress upon women the beauty of physical health and moral purity, and which enjoined upon them to spurn the courtesy that called them admirable because of their weakness. Since the time of Mary Shelley's beautiful mother, many gifted women—among whom were the gentle gentle sister of Elia and our own singers, Alice and Phebe Cary—have spoken as boidly as they dured on behalf of their sex. At that time, women, whose influence by pen and by tongue had formed a large if not a prepond-erant factor in the triumph of abolition prinerant factor in the triumph of abolition principles, were appointed as delegates to abolition meetings, but were refused the right to vote in a cause for which they had worked so earnestly and effectively. You may fill our ranks by your songs and your books; you may sacrifice health, time, means, for the cause in which you are angaged; but you can cause in which you are engaged; but you can not comprehend the issue involved, and even if you did, the act of voting would unsex you. This was the logic of the anti-suffragists during the war; against this logic the impracticable fanatics' rebelled. Such is the origin of the Woman Suffrage movement. It may be inferred, however, that the hysterical being who can reason neither exactly nor abstractly, nor without prejudice. dife, unless under constant supervision. Yet

most solemn and responsible of all dutiesthose of the mother." SOME OF MRS. UNDERWOOD'S ARGUMENTS.

in the Doctor's opinion, the very absence of rationality fits woman pre-eminently for the

"'A strong point in the mentality of woman, Dr. Hammond concedes, 'consists in her intuitions......She will often jump at a correct conclusion with a wonderful degree of promptness and accuracy, which reason would reach with slowness and difficulty, if at all: but he confesses that he perceives nothing, intellectual about the process. which confession marks the limitations of Dr. Hammond's knowledge of what intuition really is. Those who have studied intuition the most closely, are agreed that it is experiential in its origin, and dependent for its existence primarily upon those slower intellectual processes commonly called reasoning.

It is experiential in the race but connate in the individual, and strong as an aptitude in those directions in which the reasoning powers for centuries have been continually exercised; for instance, in women, those demanding insight into motives and char-

acter.".... In answer to one of Dr. Hammond's "grave anatomical and physiological reasons," which forbid women meddling with politics, which he asserts to be incapacity for mathematical studies, Mrs. Underwood says:

"In astronomy, a science largely based on a thorough knowledge of the higher mathematics, three women in recent times have made their names memorable through their high attainments and discoveries. Their mathematical studies evidently did not insure their health or cause any 'symptoms of disordered cerebral action, for they were women of exceptional health and longevity. Mrs. Somerville died at the age of ninety one years and eleven months, and was active in mind and body up to the day of her death; Caroline Herschel lived to be nearly ninety-eight, with all her mental faculties unimpaired; Maria Mitchell is now sixty-five years old, and, until within the last two or three years never knew a sick day; while hundreds of other women are to-day engaged in mathematical studies as severe as those of any male student, and with no more consequent evidence of 'disordered cerebral action. Professor Laughlin, Professor of Political Economy in Harvard, says, in regard to the students of the Annex:

instructor in political economy. To six ladies I gave a co-ree identical with that followed by one hundred and eight under-graduates, chiefly from the Junior and Senior classes of Harvard, so that it was natural for me to make comparisons in regard to results. So far as marks signify any thing, those received by this class of ladies, graded on the same scale with the young men, were somewhat higher for the former than for the latter. And I may add that the courses in political economy are regarded by under-graduates in college as among the most difficult in the

curriculum."

Again Mrs. Underwood says: Dr. Hammond declares that women are entirely wanting in that type of mental or-ganization known as the "judicial mind." Also, that, although there are certain offices of 'a clerical and routine character' for which the sex is fitted, yet those in which force of intellect, a power of disinterested judgment and enlarged views of public poli- | valuable business information.

cy are required, must ever continue to be occupied by men.' No position can test more seriously these qualities than the governmental power possessed by the rulers of nations. The law of primogeniture in monarchical nations, has in certain instances forced upon women this power. To accord with Dr. Hammond's theory, the reigns of queens and empresses should have proved more disastrous to the interests of their respective nations than those of kings and emperors, for in no case could there be any choice of women of exceptional ability to fill positions deter-mined only by ties of consanguinity and pri-ority of birth. Of the four queens who have ruled Eugland, none were weak-minded or vacillating, and the reigns of Elizabeth and Victoria form two of the most splendid epochs of English history. Five of Russia's sovereigns have been women. One of these was Ol-ga, surnamed 'the Wise;' Catharine, the widow of Peter the Great, a charming and brilliant woman, was called 'the Russian Aspasia:' and Catharine II, though headstrong and somewhat cruel and vicious, was a woman of great intellect and the liberal patron of science, art and literature; under her rule

Russia made prodigious progress.

"In 1338, Margaret, Queen of Sweden, styled by historians the 'Semiramis of the North,' united for the first time Sweden, Denmark and Norway under one government, of which she was the head and which she raised to a high pitch of glory. To the liberality of thought and purse of Isabella of Spain is due the discovery of this Continent, while no German monarch accomplished more for the honor and glory of his country and people than Maria Therese of Austria. If we turn back to an earlier period of history, we find record of the brilliant reigns and noble deeds in which she controverts the position taken of Boadicea. Semiramis, and Dido, while even by the Doctor, that the first proceedings of among the Jews, Deborah, a prophetess, was the woman suffragists displayed that hyster—made one of the ruling judges of Israel, beamong the Jews, Deborah, a prophetess, was made one of the ruling judges of Israel, because of her wisdom; and it is to the tact of a Jewish queen that the race owell its salva-"The movement for woman suffrage was tion. And yet Dr. Hammond, on the strength not an hysterical outburst of abolition no- of his anatomical and physiological reasons would have us believe that women are 'entirely wanting in that type of organization known as the "judicial mind.""

MRS. LOZIER'S ARGUMENTS.

We can only note a few of these. She says: "The argument from superior force is unworthy of this age and will bring ruin to any nation or any home...... If absolute brain-weight is to be the qualification for suffrage, then it follows that only persons of greatest avoirdupois are fitted to rule. The fat man's club must hereafter hold sway!

"Admitting all he says, the reason is more urgent that women should vote. Just government is established for the protection of the weak, and they, pre-eminently, should have a personal voice in it In a true democracy, the question of sex, size, color, property, ed-ucation, vocation or race has nothing to do with the inherent right of each individual citizen to be heard in the choice of his or her rulers. Our government is not a democracy. It is an androcracy. Men rule. The majority, even, does not rule, for the census shows that we want are in the majority in many that women are in the majority in many States. Notwithstanding man's claim to represent woman, cruel laws oppress her. In this State of New York, no wife lass right to her offspring, though for them she may have jeoparded her very life. Her husband can legally snatch them away, even in infancy. Nay, he can will them away before birth. The only child a mother has a right to, is an illegitimate one. If mothers were legislators, would such laws disgrace our statute books? A woman sits disfranchised, while a drupken paymen may yet a se to onen while a drunken pauper may vote so to open a road as to confiscate her house. Yet Dr. H. coolly says of woman. "Her person and property are as well protected as those of men.If 'politics is a dirty pool,' women will purify it. If Bridget will vote, so does

Patrick; the great average will correct incidental evils. If men fail to vote, women's quicker conscience will enforce the duty. If woman cannot bear arms; many men are also exempt. They substitute sons. If women are unsuited for office, so are many men. If rum and venality already threaten the Re-public, woman's direct co-operation alone can

save it.

First Installment of December Magazines.

THE POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY. (D. Appleton & Co., New York.) Contents: Alexander Von Humboldt, by Emil du Bois-Reymond (with portrait); Suggestions on Social Subjects, by Professor W. G. Sumner; The Habitation and the Atmosphere, by M. R. Radau; A Belt of Sun-Spots, by Garrett P. Serviss; The Morality of Happiness, by Thos. Foster; Genius and Heredity, by M. E. Caro; The Remedies of Nature.—Enteric Disorders, by Felix L. Oswald, M.D.: Land-Birds in Mid-Ocean, by George W. Grim; The Illusion of Chance, by William A. Eddy; Female Educa-tion from a Medical Point of View, by T. S. Clouston, M. D.; The Chemistry of Cookery, by W. Mattier Williams; Vingue Superation by W. Mattieu Williams; Vinous Supersti-tions, by Dr. Th. Bodin; Malaria and the Pro-gress of Medicine; The Loess-Deposits of Northern China, by Frederick W. Williams; The Natural Setting of Crystals, by J. B. Choate; Surface Characters of the Planet Mars; The New Profession, by Henry Greer; Concentric Rings of Trees, by A. L. Child, M. L. Correspondence; Editor's Table; Literary Notices: Popular Miscellany; Notes.

NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW. (New York City. No intelligent reader can fail to be interest ed in the contents of the North American Review for December. The question of the telegraph has the place of honor in the number, Gardiner G. Hubbard pointing out the great advantages that would result from the proposed "Government Control of the Telegraph," and showing from the experience of several European countries the benefits to be derived from the incorporation of the telegraphic with the postal service. Henry George writes of "Overproduction," an idea which he declares to be preposterous, unless more "The first year of the establishment of the plan for the collegiate instruction of women the largest single course fell to me as an emilitary experts as to what is absolute-

ly needed. THE CENTURY MAGAZINE. (Century Magazine Co., New York.) Contents: Portrait of Peter Cooper; The Fairest Country of En-gland; The Frieze of the Parthenon; The ilverado Squatters; Echoes in the City of the Angels; One Chapter; Recollections of Peter Cooper; George Fuller; Dr. Sevier; The Pretenders to the Throne of France; The Impressions of a Cousin; Dawn; The Bread-Winners; The Miser; Ten Years; An Average Man; At the Grave of Chas. Wolfe; Original Documents of the New Testament; Topics of the Time: Open Letters: Bric-a-Brac.

THE PANSY. (D. Lothrop & Co., Boston.) This number is issued with a new cover and will please the young folks as much as heretofore, as the stories and illustrations are pretty and appropriate.

AMERICAN COUNTING-ROOM. (New York City.) This number contains the usual amount of

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY. (Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston.) Contents: A Roman Singer: Mary Moody Emerson; The Initiate; Recollections of Rome During the Italian Revolution; O-Be-Joyful Creek and Poverty Gulch; The World Well Lost; Newport; Bermudian Days; Some Alleged Americanisms; Luther, and his Work; Social Washington; Mr. Longfellow and the Artists; Foreign Lands; Recollections of a Naval Officer; Recent Poetry; The Contributors' Club; Books of the Month.

THE MODERN AGE. (The Modern Age Publishing Co., New York and Buffalo, N. Y.) Contents: Among the Blind; Mixed Aethetes; The Devil's Flirtation; A glance at the Burgait of Familian Florage at the Pursuit of Equality; Evergreen; The first Regret; Some Social characteristics of Australia; The Maister and the Bairns; Sayings and Doings; Books and Book Men; Stage and Studio; Examination Papers.

St. Louis Magazine. (St. Louis Magazine Co., St. Louis, Mo.) Contents: A Northern City in Florida; Seaside versus Mountain; The Spirit of the Past; Fashions for December 1985. ber; Soon Autumn will pass away; Western Society Stories; Regret; Jerusalem; Home and Society; Publishers' Department.

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"The Magazine of Art," Cassell & Co., Publishers, New York, will present to each of its subscribers for 1884, the beautiful etching by Henry Farrar, entitled, "Evening by the River," size 19 by 25 inches. The new volume commences with the December number, price \$3.50 per year.

There was a whole treatise of philosophy în a single remark made by an old woman who recently applied to one of the New York police court justices, to be "sent to the Island." Being asked the reason for her request, she said that she was too old to work, and preferred to live with strangers rather than with friends. Being asked why she did not live with her children, she replied: "Don't you know that one parent can support nine sons, but that nine sons cannot support one parent?

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It is safe to say that ten times as many or these incidents get into print now as ten years ago. A pile of them lies before us, clipped from newspapers of all shades of politics and religion. Here is a Memphis Avalanche report of the finding of papers worth thousands of dollars, by a dream in which their departed owner appeared and told where they were. A letter from Salt Lake to the San Francisco Chronicle, by that scoffing doubter of all spiritual phenomena, Moncure D. Conway, tells of his interview with a lady who had left her Mormon husband when he took a second wife, and how: "Once, in her great distress, she prayed to her mother, dead since her eighth year, saying, 'Surely if polygamy be right, my mother will come and bid me bear it, and then I will;" when, in the night, a pure white sphere of light with a figure faintly discernible, floated over her for a moment—"a mirage of subjective vision," as Conway calls it. But calling it so does not make it so. From Wareham, Mass., comes the story of a woman in a trance for a week, cold and rigid yet alive, at which "the medical fraternity" are sorely puzzled—as well they might be, for their books deal with flesh and bones, and not with the vitalizing and organizing spirit. A batch of dreams in the Detroit Post and Tribune turns up next. One is of a man warned that he would be killed in a well and cautioned not to go into it. but meeting his death the next day by the heavy bucket striking his head. Another tells of an Irish woman whose brother came to her and told of a farm in Ireland he had left her, and she persisted in efforts to get her rights until she was thought insane, but found the proof of her legal claim which the

equally remarkable. That same leading daily journal gives its own reporter's account of an interview with Miss Jennie Smith, of Baltimore, a delegate to the late National Convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union in Detroit. She told of her paralyzed left limb, nerves beyond her power, years of fearful pain and helplessness, and of her belief in prayer; and that her cure came in answer to her intense and sincere petitions to God. With physicians and others around her, in an hour of deepest agony, she prayed. Her own words to the reporter will best tell the touching story:

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How can I tell what followed or how can you credit it? A wave seemed to sweep through me, and I then felt an electric shock cramp me up. A powerful battery could not have produced a more distinct impression. With joy I felt this strange deliverance. My will and energy were centered on what might follow. Something seemed to tell me to get up. For the first time in years I arose unassisted to a sitting posture, bent forward and stood up, and then crying 'release me,' took one, two, three, ten steps, and walked across the room. My shriveled limb I used for the first time in 16 years.

A voice told me, to kneel and I did so, and thanks were rendered where thanks were due. My sister seeing me thus could not believe herself, and crying, 'Ohi sister,' fainted away. As for myself I felt light and joyous and exclaimed, 'Is it me, doctor?' Oh, that marked change. Some have said it was simply that my mental families were deluded in confounding what was will-power with divine interposition. But could will-power

restore a shriveled limb, and moreover, could it do away with the other maiadles to which I was subject, and which immediately after disappeared? A conscious-ness that what is called a miracle was about to be ness that what is called a miracle was about to be wrought on me, filled my brain and heart. For 20 years I had prayed to be delivered, so that when this magnetic influence drew me together, I knew my cure was at hand. Newspapers have said that in my desperation my energy was the only miracle in the case, but, I tell you, the doctor and these present saw divinity in itall. Seven different denominations were present and they say they will remember the scene to their death. I saw the arm which the Savior stretched forth to perform like cases of cure ages long past. That experience is the blissful era of my whole existence."

We lately gave, from the Vassar Times Michigan), an equally remarkable statement of the cure of Mrs. S. L. Tower, which that lady attributed to spirit influence. Why this new interest outside of Spiritualists, in these things? What does it signify? What will be the result of its increase? This interest grows because the inner-life of man is awakened in our day as it has not been for a long time. This is not only an age of great mental activity, of inventive achievement and gain in material wealth, but the spiritual nature of man is also being aroused in a way quite unlike the "revivals of religion" in the near past. The old conceptions are on the wane. The atoning blood, the pains of endless torment, the wrath of God, and like grim and ghastly dogmas are fading out. In their place must come something to stir men's souls to a larger and nobler life than they inspired. The great spiritual awakening is dawning, and these are its signs and tokens. A new interest-now largely curious, but to gain in depth and beauty and power-is centered on man as a spiritual being. The very atmosphere pulses and thrills with a new life, and these wondrous, yet natural interior faculties of our growing humanity are called out even as the warm pulsations of the growing spring-time call out the quickened germ and bud, prophetic of flower and fruit.

All this has also another significance. As we grow in spirit, the Spirit-world can better meet us and help us. As we reach up, more angel-hands reach down. These many signs tell of great efforts making in the spirit-land for our help and health of soul and body. The increase of this interest must lead to wider discussion and investigation, and so at last to more clear and rational views. The world will find that "man is an intelligence served by bodily organs;" that spirit and body are inter-dependent, yet the spirit is supreme, creative and immortal; that conscious and personal intelligence manifests itself independent of all bodily or physical help, proving materialism shallow and unsatisfactory; that spirit-intercourse is a great fact, of immense significance and wonderful beauty; that our learned doctors of medicine and divinity must revise their psychology and their theology.

These remarkable facts call out a deal of shallow and senseless comment, yet out of this will come light. How supreme is the human will in the agony of prayer, conquering bodily ailments, bringing the very angels near to heal and bless, making the spirit short and sharp remedies; to say aloud what within so full of strength and harmony that | they are only muttering now-that if law is the poor body therefrom gains health! What marvels of magnetic healing-natural and health-giving power—we witness. This must open new study of the healing art. There is no end to this great topic. Enough has been said to call thoughtful attention to the significance of this growing interest in psychological phenomena. A new cast and hue is also given to literature as is seen by the wide reading of Elizabeth Stuart Phelps's books, and by that new and greatly valuable book, "Beyond the Sunrise," which all our readers should have. But this opens to a new theme and we forbear. A fit closing word-showing how the gifted poet, in his hours of spiritual light and intuitive wisdom recognizes unseen aid-is from Ultima Thule, the last work of Longfellow:

His, and not his, are the lays He sings; and their fame Is his, and not his; and the praise And the pride of a name.

For voices pursue him by day
And haunt him by night,
And he listens and needs must obey,
When the Angel says: "Write!"

Mrs. C. Fannie Allyn at Lester's Academy.

Mrs. C. Fannie Allyn delivered a characteristic address at Lester's Academy, No. 619 West Lake St., last Sunday morning, her subject, "Temptation," having been chosen by one of the audience. She carefully and critically analyzed the subject, claiming that the word should not be always construed as one having for its object the debasement of a human being; on the contrary the temptation to do right is quite as potent in the world to-day as the temptation to do wrong. She claimed that temptation is a factor for good as well as for evil; that the temptation to do right should be cultivated in the young, thereby gradually improving the human family so that wrong doing would be banished from the earth. Her analysis of the subject was unique, and highly interested those in attendance. In the evening her address was enthusiastically received by a large audience. She closed the services by giving several psychometric readings, which proved very inter-

Mr. Geo. S. Bowen, ex-Mayor of Elgin, Ill. is President of the Elgin Electric Light Co., and his son, Mr. Geo. E. Bowen, Secretary and Treasurer. Saturday night, November 24th, an illumination of the city took place. There are seven towers, and the lights number twenty-nine. The city authorities, press and visitors were present at the turning on of the Hights by Miss Anna Bowen, the President's accomplished daughter, and the whole was an entire success. Elgin is to be congratulated upon her enterprise through the earnest work of such men as Geo. S. Bowen.

Henry Slade informs us he will start about December 1st, on a professional tour through the Southern States.

The Danger of To-Day.

While our politicians are busily trying to discover who shall have this or that office, our clergy denouncing agnosticism and rationalism, every separate interest having its own centre to which all other interests seem subordinate, there is a danger looming ominously over us all, terrible in its scope and range, which men seldom speak of because they do not perceive it, or perhaps for the same reason that travelers in the Alps are forbidden to whistle, lest the vibration of the air should increase the danger of letting loose the avalanche.

Capital and labor have never been very cordial friends, and for years past their mutual jealousy has been tending towards mutual hate. Neither can do without the other; both wish they could. They were never in flercer antagonism than they are to-day. Strikes are taking place on every hand, and each strike causes an intensification of bitterness. Capital in order to protect itself, tried to prevent combinations of workmen in New York, but it found that it was not safe to attempt to use the law they succeeded in getting passed, and now capitalists keep black lists, and notify each other of any worker who is active in promoting agitation for larger pay or other advantages. So far; all the gain has been on the side of the employers, as was to have been expected; for, if they choose, they can control the legislatures, the churches and the railroads. If it were not that they are jealous of each other, and will combine as little as possible, the condition of the working man would be even worse than

A Senatorial Committee sat in New York gathering testimony on the relations of Capital and Labor, and it is in evidence that the Western Union Telegraph Company has absorbed forty-six companies, expanded their honest capital of \$20,000,000 to \$80,000,000, by watering the stock \$60,000,000. Having now to pay dividends on the large amount they have reached, as their income has grown the wages have been reduced and the hours of work increased-greed, fraud and force, steadily grinding down the workmen.

On the other hand workmen have their jealousies, which largely prevent combination. Strikes are rarely successful, and still more rarely, even when successful, have they returned to the striker the loss by enforced idleness while the issue was in doubt. Workmen, finding peaceful means of bettering their condition a failure, worried, irritated, alike by their need and their impotence. listen to the fierce diatribes of the lower order of foreign communists and socialists. with less of repulsion than was their wont some time ago. They see the rich growing richer, the poor poorer; see that all peaceful means of getting rid of this cancerous evil fail, and they are getting ready to apply powerless to correct the evil, law must be replaced by something stronger; if religion only consecrates wrong, it is time religion were destroyed; if government is only to strengthen the oppressor, government must adds to the quantity of explosive material. which a spark may explode.

It is not the question now, who is in fault -both sides are wrong, and each is seeing only how tremendously wrong the other is: and Capital is every day becoming more exacting, Labor every day less yielding. Collision, a strike not for wages but for power, for revolution, seems imminent.

Carlyle, in his "Past and Present," sugges tively says: "The nobles of France declared they could not live upon the fair rent of the soil of France; they must be exempt from taxes also. Three years from that time they were tanning human skins at the tanneries at Mendon."

Few people engaged in absorbing business of their own, ever think of the enormous number of poor and dissatisfied people there are in our great cities, or have any conception of what just cause there is for complaint They read 'Hood's "Song of the Shirt" with wet eyes, perhaps, all unconscious that the wrong pictured there is steadily worked out here. They hear of strikes, but with only a lazy interest, as one might watch a bubble on the stream.

Nay, our great corporations are no wiser, for they, too, judge of them as to their effect on their profits, and do not see that their very existence is imperiled. Behind all the strikes to-day is the menace of a grand strike that shall hurl law, religion, the family and the government in one hideous ruin. To that we are tending with daily accelerating speed.

Is there no way of curing these evils and averting the terrible effect of them? Yes; many remedies are proposed. The politician argues it is only necessary to elect his candidate; the clergyman would issue large numbers of tracts, headed, perhaps-"Servants be obedient unto your masters;" a boundless issue of paper money; suppression of liquor selling: limitation of sales of public lands—almost every one has his pet medicine, sure to heal all disorders of the body politic.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, in view of his discovery in London of whole families employed in making match boxes for four and a half cents a gross and paid only eight cents for making an ulster, concludes that the only remedy is emigration. This remedy is obviously unsuited for our country.

What can Spiritualism do to save the country? It can teach a higher standard of duty than human law; a certainty—of many things -to take the place of the dreamy, doubtful theology of the day; can reveal the power of Beau Pioneer. We wish him success.

a new form of combination, one that is to help others; can teach men to appeal to nature rather than the Bible; to God's act rather than men's word about his act. It can teach men to "suffer and be strong," where suffering must be, but to be bold in attack when another is to be wronged. It can teach men to find their joy in the happiness of others; that wrong hurts the wrong-doer more than the wronged.

No law or combination can be made that unscrupulous men will not eyade or pervert except a combination having no selfish element in it, no personal good sought, no set of opinions urged, no theories maintained, but organizations all over the land that shall be helping hands wherever help is needed. Old faiths are reeling, the new press on. Let the evils which have come from corruption of the truth die with their parent. Never had any revelation grander opportunity of usefulness. It waits for wings; shall it have them? Spiritualists, are you awake to the dangers of to-day, and prepared to meet them?

Remarkable Incident at a Hallowe'en Gathering-Dread Fulfillment of a Promise.

An incident of a rather peculiar nature occurred in Montreal, Canada, as set forth by a paper in that city, on last Hallowe'en, which has given rise to considerable conjecture and surmise. The facts, as obtained from one of the participants by a representative of The Gazette, briefly stated are to the effect that seven young ladies, all of Montreal, at a Hallowe'en gathering ten years ago agreed to meet again on the same evening ten years after; the stipulation was "dead or alive." the vonng lady who made use of that expression reminding the other six of their agreement a short time after by sending them each an invitation for October 31, 1883. This lady was evidently the originator of the little reunion, and laughingly promised to be present, even if dead, and it were at all possible for her to do so. About four years ago this young lady died very suddenly. She is described as having been of a quiet, religious disposition, and very tall.

The remainder of the ten years rolled by, and the time for the reunion came. Accordingly, on All-Hallow eve the six met at the house of two of their number, who were sisters, for tea; but, according to the original agreement, a chair was left vacant for the missing one. This chair was draped in black, while in front of it on the table were some withered flowers, gathered from the grave of the deceased. Nothing remarkable occurred during the repast, save that the young lady next to the empty chair spoke of a strange nervous sensation, but this was not thought of at the time. After tea they started to move to the parlor, immediately adjoining, the young lady last mentioned leading the way, and carrying in her hand the bunch of withered flowers. The parlor was quite dark, saving the light which streamed in from the dining-room as she opened the door. At that moment she cried: "Look! look!" and pointed into the parlor, where three or four of them saw distinctly a tall white figure standbe overthrown. So, each abortive strike only | ing at the door leading from the parlor to the hall. She who had first seen it retreated quickly, and was just leaving the diningroom by the door from that room to the hall when she again saw the figure, and her cry brought three of the others to the door, and all saw it glide quickly along the hall from the parlor door to the door leading to the street, which seemed to open of itself and close after the figure had passed through.

> Only one of the six failed to see the figure at all, she having in both cases been too late. consequently she was very dubious, and believed the apparition to be merely some kind of a practical joke, and at once went and inspected the door of exit, but this was always kept locked and latched from within, and was found to be still secure, so the trick theory was apparently out of the question as a solution of the mystery.

> The Gazette's informant saw the figure twice, and describes it as being "just the right height"-that is to say, very tall, and wholly draped in white; no hands nor feet were to be seen, and the face was concealed: it seemed to glide rather than walk, and moved very quickly: it did not touch the door, at all and did not appear to pass through it. but the door seemed to open of itself and close behind the figure. The sensation produced by the figure was as if it were chuckling to itself on having kept the promise to be present, and laughing at the scare produced-at least the young lady informant states such to have been her sensations in so far as she had any apart from the dominant sense of

Mr. Edwin D. Mead of Boston will give a course of six lectures upon "The Pilgrim Fathers," at the Church of the Messiah, Michigan Avenue and 23rd Street, on the evenings of December 3rd, 6th, 10th, 13th 17th and 20th. Course tickets, \$2.00; single lectures, 50 cents. Mr. Mead is a fine essayist and a very scholarly man, thorough and conscientious in all he undertakes, and will not fail to interest, entertain and instruct his hearers. His subjects are "Puritanism," 'New England in England," "New England in Holland," "Plymouth," "Bradford's Journal," and "John Robinson," Mr. Mead will also give the same lectures at Unity Church. Dearborn Avenue and Walton Place, the evenings of December 4th, 7th, 11th, 14th, 18th and 21st.

Fred. 5. Bowman, former editor of Inter State, Gary, Dakota, has moved to South Le Beau, Dakota, and is now publishing the Le Appeared in Dreams.

From Newark, N. J. comes a curious story. Sarah L. Kridel, an old and respected lady resided there. She had five sons and four daughters and twenty-eight grandchildren all of whom lived near her.

Ten years ago Rachel, a young daughter. her mother's pet, died and was buried in the Hebrew cemetery on South Orange street. According to the story of Mrs. Fruber, the eldest daughter of Mrs. Kridel, who lives but a few doors from the late residence of her mother Rachel appeared to her in her dreams at various times during the last few years. Until two years ago, however, she refused to make known her wants. "My sister always appeared to me," said the lady, "just as she was accustomed to come to me in life; not, as is usual, in the form of a specter. Two years ago this fall we had been talking at home about buying a plat in the cemetery and removing the body of Rachel thither. That same night after I had been asleep but a few moments, I saw my sister standing by the window in my sitting-room, while I, in my dream, sat in a rocker. At that time she appeared in the shroud in which she was buried, and I could plainly discern the needlework upon it. I said: 'Rachel, what do you wish?' And she answered, speaking very softly and slowly: 'My bed over yonder (pointing out of the window to the cemetery) is very lonely. There is room for one more there by my side. If mamma or any of our sisters should go across the river, tell them to come to me. On my right is room for mamma, but if there should not be room for her there, then give her my grave and let me rest in her arms." Going to the cemetery the friends found space for the burial of another person, and purchased it. Mrs. Kridel in a short time thereafter was taken sick and died. In her last moments she several times called the spirit girl's name, and at one time a smile mounted her face, while she murmured, "Yes, I'm coming." During one of her rational spells she promised her family to visit them if it was in her power. and endeavor to console them in their bereavement, and the daughter declares she will not be surprised to see her mother again before long.

The Woman's Tribune, published by the Nebraska Woman's Suffrage Association and edited by Mrs. Clara B. Colby of Beatrice. Neb., has just started out upon its mission to enlighten the women (and men, too,) upon the Ballot, etc. The editor says:

"The conditional number of The Woman's Tribune having been received with much favor, it has been decided to continue the publication of it, making it a weekly devoted not only to woman's political interests but to her interests in all fields of labor and thought. It is issued at the low price of \$1.00 a year that it may be within the reach of all. It is expected that friends of progress will assist this paper with money and with thought. As this number indicates, The Tribune is intended to be not only a record of what has been accomplished, but a basis for the study and work of both individuals and clubs. The law course is begun this week as a regular department, under the management of Mrs. Bittenbender, and this will be continued every two weeks, alternating with a course in civil government. The Tribune hopes that every person who reads this number may like it so well as to become a permanent subscriber." We wish the ladies suc-

The Rostrum is the name of a fortnightly publication just started at Vineland, New Jersey. Mr. J. Clegg Wright, the lecturer, is announced as editor and Mr. A. C. Cotton, a mill owner and real-estate agent, as publisher and assistant editor. We make the following extracts from its editorial matter.

The Rostrum is a new claimant and aspirant for public favor and patronage. It seeks to contribute light to the sum which already exists, and help in the discussion of all the great questions of the day. Its motto is Liberty, Equity and Fraternity.

MR. J. C. WRIGHT AT VINELAND. This noted English trance orator occupied the rostrum at Cosmopolitan Hall the last two Sundays in October. Large audiences have been of a high order of excellence. During the two weeks he has spent with us he has delivered several week evening lectures and held circles which have been well attended and given the greatest satisfaction.

Mr. Wright is controlled by a variety of spirits, but the broad Lancashire humor of John Shaw, the profound metaphysical intellect of the spirit of George Rushton

proad Lancashire humor of John Shaw, the profound metaphysical intellect of the spirit of George Rushton and the terse style of the orator are extremely enjoyable. Corron's Mill, on 6th st., opposite Landis's old mill, grinds corn, rye, oats, corn and cob, meal, bone, oyster shells, saws wood, etc. Constantly on hand—ground bone and oyster shells for poultry and fertilizers. Pure cider vinegar for sale wholesale and retail. All orders or inquiries addressed to Box 254, Vineland, N. J. On Wednesday evening the controls of Mr. J. C. Wright delivered a magnificent oration upon Thomas Carlyle. delivered a magnificent oration upon Thomas Carlyle.
We purpose to make the Rostrum a lively and interesting sheet, and ask all of our friends and friends of our common cause to send us clubs and advertisements. Sample copies free. Price of subscription one year; \$1,00. Six months, 50 cents. In advance. Cash sent by money order; or if less than \$1.00, in 2 cent postage stamps.

A correspondent thinks he has a good joke on the Journal in that it placed an item mentioning Major Young's visit to Chicago in such juxtaposition to an item on tramping impostors, as to make the two seem but a single item. Well, it would have been a serious joke quite likely, had some lecturer or medium been noticed instead of Maj. Young; as it would have appeared significant, our foreman now sees the point. We have cremated him, and his ashes duly encased in a glass jar and duly labeled, will remain a warning to all future managers of the composition room.

Prof. H. D. Garrison has arranged to deliver two lectures on the "Origin of Man," at the Grand Opera House, this city, on the first two Sunday afternoons in January. The subject will be illustrated by a large number of views projected by the calcium light. Prof. Garrison is one of the ablest lecturers now before the public. His addresses are always very interesting and instructive.

C. Fannie Allyn will lecture at Lester's Academy. 619 West Lake Street, next Sunday at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Conference and Medium's meeting at 3 P. M.

GENERAL NOTES.

A Philadelphia sheet known as Mind and Matter has gone to rest: having beggared its publisher as well as English invective, no further mission seemed open.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Horn of New York City, arrived in this city last week to spend a few days with friends.

Mr. J. W. Van Horn donates ten dollars to the Journal's Poor Fund for sending the paper to worthy poor.

Wm. Emmette Coleman writes from San Francisco: "I went twice on Sunday, the 18th. to hear Mozoomdar the talented Hindu, and was delighted with him."

We learn from a correspondent that Mrs. Stryker, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is giving some fine tests from the platform at the meetings of the Fraternity.

Mrs. C. Fannie Allyn is traveling this winter with Mrs. Stratton (widow of General Tom Thumb) but will resume the rostrum next spring and summer. Her permanent address is Stoneham, Mass.

In Milwaukee, Wis., are many mediums, among whom are Mrs. Abbie M. Robinson. Mrs. Dickenson, Dr. Herring and Mrs. Spencer. Meetings are held there every Sunday in a small hall in the Academy of Music.

Col. Wm. Hemstreet will lecture for the Brooklyn Spiritual Fraternity in church of below Myrtle, Friday evening, December 7th. Subject: "Supplemental Demonology."

Last Monday, A. B. French returned from the meeting of the State Association of Spiritualists of Minnesota, held at Minneapolis, where he lectured. He brings an excellent report from the meeting. Mrs. Shepard-Lillie, Mrs. Gardner, of Rochester, and Miss Susie Johnson were among the speakers.

Ammie Cheever, was found murdered on his own woodpile in Dingham, Pa., on Oct. 27th. His grandmother, at Milford, on the forenoon of that day, suddenly arose from her chair and shricked, "Ammie is killed! Ammie is killed!" She could not be quieted. A few hours later the news of his death was received.

Dr. Wilson, the curate of St. George's Cathedral, at Kingston, Canada, has created a sensation among the members of his congregation by attending a prayer meeting of the Salvation Army and partaking of the communion. He defended his course vigorously at the demand of the rector, but it is hinted that he is to be given a brief vacation in consequence of the act.

Milton Allen of 2,411-N. College avenue. Philadelphia, writes as follows: "I think that when a healer is properly developed so that spirits can work through him or her, there will be no need of the pounding, mauling, rubbing or kneading, that the magnetic healers now indulge in. If these healers would | gland, that on the last Sunday in October, a stady the laws of health, and the real science | special service was held in the Exchange of man, physical, mental and spiritual, and Rooms, High Street, that city, when Mr. seek to be developed spiritually to a higher | Wallis delivered a very able lecture upon degree, their usefulness would be far greater, and there would be far less humbugging and charlantry among them than there now

Speaking of Mrs. Stratton (better known as Mrs. Gen. Tom Thumb), who is a devoted Spiritualist, the Chicago Herald says: "Mrs. Stratton takes evident pride in her diminutive stature, but although in physical proportions she is so slight, she amply atones for this in every other quality that goes to make up a charming woman, and the universal verdict of all who have ever had the pleasare of meeting her is, that she is a thoroughly cultivated, charming, refined and true lady. It is no wonder that she has won such firm hold on the affections of the public."

The average weight of the human brain is 1,390 grains. Turgeneff's brain, which is said to have been the heaviest yet weighed. was 2,012 grains. Cuvier's weighed 1,800 grains. The size of the skull or the weight of the brain is not an infallible indication of mental superiority. Extraordinary intellect has often accompanied a heavy brain. but some of the ablest men the world has produced had brains of an average size. Among those who had brains under the average weight are mentioned Raphael, Dickens, Lord Byron, Charles Lamb and Gambetta.

Ramabhai, the Sanskrit poetess, is visiting England, and is making a great sensation. The Athenœum says: "She was the guest of Prof. Max Muller. The extraordinary power offher memory, and the fluency and correctness with which she speaks Sanskrit and composes extempore Sanskrit poetry in the most difficult metres, surprised all who saw her. Pandit Shyamaji Krishnavarma, Mr. Visvas of Calcutta, the Rev. C. Bellairs lately of Bombay, and others had been invited to meet Ramabhai. She is probably the first learned Bramani who has crossed the ocean. She traces her descent from the old Vedic family of Sandilya."

Arrangements have been completed for the holding of a grand convention of free thinkers at the new Opera House in Liberal, Mo., commencing Friday, Dec. 21st, 1883, and continuing four days. The object of this convention is to effect a union of liberals throughout Southwest Missouri and Eastern Kansas. which shall become a permanent association, with a view to holding a general assembly, quarterly during the year. Business of importance to free thinkers will be transacted during the morning session. The programme for afternoon sessions will consist of short speeches, essays, music, etc. Set speeches or lectures will be delivered during night sessions only. The whole is to conclude with a grand ball on Monday night. A general invitation is extended. For particulars, address Capt. Frank Greene, Corresponding Secretary, Liberal, Mo.

Prof. Francis W. Parker, the distinguished educational reformer and head of the Cook County Normal School, will lecture before the Society for Ethical Culture next Sunday morning, at Weber Music Hall. The public are invited.

The Cherokee Advocate says there are 6,400 members of Baptist churches in the Indian Nation, about one hundred and ten churches, and eighty ordained minister. The proportion of churches and church members is greater than in any white community known. There are only 75,000 Indians. The institutions of learning, both of the higher grade and the common schools, are reported to be prosperous and the outlook encouraging. Principal Chief Early of the Ottawas, says: "Much interest is felt in religion, and I might say that the whole tribe is or will be Christianized." The Presbyterians are also so strong in the Nation that they have organized a presbytery, the first session of which was held Oct. 31st, at Fort Gibson.

The anti-Mormon movement is beginning to take definite shape in England. The success which has attended the efforts of the Mormon missionaries, particularly in the manufacturing districts, has led to a strong feeling of opposition, and an organized movement on a large scale has been set on foot to offset the obvious influence of the polygamists. Members of Parliament and other in-New Spiritual Dispensation, Clinton avenue | fluential persons have promised their aid, and such legislation is sought as will check or even prohibit the emigration of large numbers of persons to Utah. Many meetings have been held, particularly in the North of England, and a petition to the crown praying for protection against the evils resulting from polygamy has been freely circulated and liberally endorsed.

In England they rejoice in an anti-beer adulteration society. This society, the palates of whose members have been offended and their heads confused, not by excessive indulgence o' nights, but by the absence of hops in their beer, are not content to suffer in silence. On the contrary, they have gone to the expense of analyzing their liquor, and have variously found it to contain gentian audience of most attentive listeners. He was root, colombo root, camomile flowers, quassia | glad to note among those present a number wood or extract; nux vomica, aloes, cocculus indicus, licorice paste, and heaven knows what else beside. Not satisfied with this chemical analysis, they have gone further and established-to their own conclusive satisfaction—that eighty per cent. of the men who became drunk did so not because of the quantity but of the quality of the liquor they consumed.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallis.

We learn from the Walsall Free Press, Enthe "Facts, Freedom, and Faith of Spiritualism," which was listened to throughout with marked attention, by a large and appreciative audience. On the following Monday evening a public "tea and entertainment" was held in the Exchange Rooms in honor of D. Syracuse, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Wallis, which was served in excellent style, after which an address was read by Mr. Washbourne. He said:

"It is with great pleasure that I address you at this meeting, because it will record an event in the history of our movement which many of us have long desired, viz., to have our light continually burning through the instrumentality and ability of our re spected friends and co-workers—Mr. and Mrs. Wallis."

The speaker related a curious incident that

occurred at a circle fourteen years ago: "The hand of a lady was moved to draw pictures on a sheet of paper, with great rapidity, while she was engaged talking to us, and seemed to be paying no attention to what was going on. In a short time the paper was covered with a farmyard scene. A spirit controlled the hand and performed that.

Speaking of Mr. and Mrs. Wallis he said: "It is that these truths may be proclaimed more fully to the people, to feed the heart-hungering, gladden the mourners, and strengthen the weary workers and reformers that we have invited our friends, Mr. and Mrs. Wallis, to exercise their gifts and talents among us. Mr. Wallis has been at our services many times during the last seven years; he has traveled more or less all over England and in America, and as we have never heard anything against his character we regard him as well qualified regularly to fill our platform. Mrs. Wallis we have not known so long, but she has already taken our platform twice giving excellent addresses, and we would earnestly ask you to listen to

cordial welcome to your new sphere of la-Other speakers followed, after which the following resolution was unanimously passed:

Spiritualists' Society I give you a hearty and

her, and give her your sympathy and presence at the first opportunity. To you, Mr. and Mrs. Wallis, in the name of the Walsall

"That this meeting is of unanimous opinion that Mr. and Mrs. Wallis are thoroughly fit and capable persons to represent the Wal sall Spiritualists as their teachers, and it is hoped that all will do their best to rally round them, and give them their full sympathy and support during their stay among

Mr. and Mrs. Wallis then responded in suit able terms, expressing the pleasure it gave them to be amongst such an ardent body of workers for the common good of humanity. and stated that so long as it was their lot to be amongst them, they should endeavor to do their best to work the society up to such a pitch of perfection as to make themselves a power that would be felt for the good of the people throughout the entire district. The entertainment then commenced, when each performer did his part efficiently and well. to the great delight and satisfaction of all

Harmonialists in Chicago.

On last Monday evening, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bundy gave an informal reception in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Van Horn of New York. A houseful of smiling faces, and warm Western greetings seemed to make the New York, guests feel they were among congenial friends. Mrs. Van Horn spoke by invitation, expressing in a beautiful way her gratification with Chicago and its people, and of the common interests binding those present in fraternal bonds. Mr. Van Horn, by request, gave an outline of the objects and work of the Harmonial Society, the U.S. Medical College, and closed with a loving tribute to A. J. Davis. Prof. H. D. Garrison complimented Spiritualists upon their progressive spirit and hoped they would in time be able to present the phenomena of Spiritualism by more scientific methods than now prevailed. He was strongly of the opinion that Spiritualism was the coming religion, and dwelt upon the supreme importance of accurate methods of observation and investigation. Mrs. Mary Fellows supplemented the remarks of Mr. Bundy and Prof. Garrison with timely comments. With sincere expressions of friendship and wishes for further acquaintance with the Eastern visitors, the company separated at a late hour.

At three o'clock on last Monday morning the well matured spirit, Sojourner Truth, escaped from the old worn out, black tenement which had done service for 107 years, and passed to a happier home in the Spiritworld. This occurred at Battle Creek, Michigan, which place had long been her home. Further mention of this remarkable woman will be made in a later issue.

In the handsome and hospitable little city of Kalamazoo, Michigan, the editor spent a happy time last Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday evening he met a houseful of friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Bigelow; Sunday morning he joined the friends in discussing means and methods of forwarding the best interests of Spiritualism; and in the evening spoke to a fair sized of intelligent and critical inquirers, the pastor of the Unitarian society being one of them. This gentleman, Rev. Mr. Olcott, is a young man of ability and earnest purpose; he will yet be heard from in a wider field.

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Lussed to Spirit-Life.

T. E. Pelham of Athens, Tex., passed to spirit-life on the 20th of October, 1888. His ceath was caused by pneumonia. He was 62 years of age. His purse was always open to the poor and needy. He was highly exteemed by those who knew him.

Passed to spirit-life from Aurelius, N. Y., November 13th, 1883, Lyman Smith, aged 75 years, 6 months and 22 days. The subject of this notice was born in Maniius, N. Y., but when about eight years of age removed with his parents to Aurelius, where his honorable, useful, industrious and temperate life was spent on the "old homestead farm." Calmly and peacefully in this faith and knowledge passed the good man away, having been cared for and watched over by his faithful wife, and also by his devoted nephew, Edward Huggins, of Auburn. His Lueral was attended by a large concurse of people to whom a spiritual address was delivered by Rey. J. H. Harter, assisted in the services by Mrs. Harter, who with an organ accompaniment rendered in an effective pathetic and impressive manner, two songs appropriate to the occasion, the titles of which are, "Where the roses ne'er shall wither," and "'Tis sweet to be remembered." 1888, Lyman Smith, aged 75 years, 6 months and 22 days.

Spiritual Meetings in Brooklyn and New York.

The Brooklyn Spiritualist Society will hold services every Sunday, commencing September 16th at 11 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. at the Hail, corner of Fulton and Bedford Avenues, J. Wrn. Fletcher, speaker. All spiritual papers on sale in the hall. Meetings free. WM. H. JOHNSON, President.

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Mediums Meetings, Chicago.

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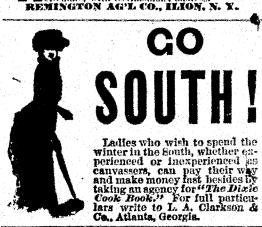
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Then the people gathered round him, Fain to each the strains divine, When the echees sweetly counded: "Heaven's gift—they are not mine."

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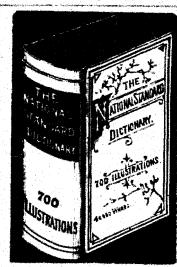
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The Rosary of my Years. BY PATHER BYAN.

Some reckon their age by years,
Some measure their life by art—
But some tell their days by the flow of their tears,
And their life by the means of their heart.

The dials of earth may show
The length, not the depth, of years,
Few or many they come—few or many they go—
But our time is best measured by tears.

Air not by the silver gray That creeps through the sunny hair, And not, by the scenes that we pass on our way-

On forehead and face have made: Not so do we count our years; Not by the sun of the earth—but the shade Of our sou's—and the fall of our tears.

For the young are ofttimes old, Though their brow be bright and fair; While their blood beats warm, their heart lies cold-O'er them the spring-time—but winter is there.

And the old are ofttimes young. When their hair is thin and white: And they sing in age as in youth they sung, And they laugh, for their cross was light.

But bead by bead I tell
The resary of my years:
From a cross to a cross they lead—'lis well! And they're blest with a blessing of tears. Better a day of strife Than a century of sleep; Give me instead of a long stream of life,

The tempest and tears of the deep. thousand joys may foam On the billows of all the years; But never the foam brings the brave bark home-

Spirit Voices.

It reaches the haven through tears.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: Meeting a friend the other day the question was sked me, "Do you ever hear spirit voices any more? And why do you not give the communications you thus receive to the Brixeno-Philosophical Jour-walls you used to do! Thinking possibly some of your many scalers have asked themselves the same question, will you kindly allow me a small space in your paper to answer this query? Yes, I do hear the vices very often, though not as frequently as I did at the time the communications were being published. I now seldom hear them except when alone, but scarcely a day passes that I do not hear some anget whisper. But for two years past I have been almost constantly employed in ministering to a sick husband; my hands and heart have been so full of cares that often even there little voices have been uncares that often even there little voices have been unheeded by me; yet they persist in coming, and now
that my companion has again been restored to health
I often find myself an interested listener to these
"wee small voices," but the reason I have not of late
sent any of these communications for publication is
this: I found while these communications were being published that I was in constant receipt of letters asking about them; for months I replied to all
the letters sent me, but I soon found it such a tax the letters sent me, but I soon found it such a tax upon my time and pocket (for but few persons com-paratively were thoughtful enough to send stamp for return letter) that I was obliged to discontinue pub-lishing the communications received. Then came my fueband's sickness which I have already referred

One spirit, that of a young lady, who tells me she passed away in California at a place called Monterey, ofice cames to me, wishing her friends could know that she still lives and is often with them; but she mays her family are Episcopalians and she fears to oftend them by having her communications publish-ed. Says she died at the Hotel Delmonte (at least that sounds like the name.) I think it is nearly two years since she has been in the habit of communicating through the voice. I have noted down several things she has told me that might serve as tests to her friends, but as she has never seemed to wish me to send them or expressed a wish to that effect, I have merely satisfied myself by making a memorandum of a few of the many she has given me. This I have been in the habit of doing for years whenever the voices are distinct enough to seemingly get the mesthem; if I do not exactly understand what is said, and ask a question for information, the voice ceases, and I get no reply. Whether the current is broken by my becoming positive enough to put a question, or what the reason is, I cannot say; but this is in-variably the case. I never sit down quietly to sew that I do not have pencil and paper near to jot down

Daring this excitement in regard to Frank Baxter I have felt the greatest sympathy for him for I know well, from my own experience just why those memorandams were made. All that has been given me through the voices and been sent either to friends or fer sublication, have been done gratuitously, else possibly many might be found who would in my case cry fraud, and I honestly believe that Mr. Baxter's explanation is the true one. I think all mediums are martyrs, and I often wonder why any one should desire the gift of mediumship, unless it be that in the end they may wear a "martyr's crown."

During my absence from the city I have heard enaught but praise of your interesting paper and the able manner in which you conduct it. As for me I give it a warm welcome each week, and think every number is a gem. Clara A. Robinson. 3128 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Tests of Spirit Presence.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: I want to tell you of an interesting testimony to the fact of spirit return that occurred in my family about three years ago at the death of our Kittle, aged 13 years. Dr. J. Crook, now of Leadville, Col., was called a short time before her death to aselst in her treatment. His family history was wholly unknown to every member of my family. At the time of which I now speak the Doctor sat by her bed and I with several members of my family, with several intimate friends, among whom was Kittle's Sunday-school teacher, Mrs. J. B. Hensley, now at Denver, Col., were sitting around the room. We all observed that Kittle took hold of the Doctor and drew him near to her, and for some fine engaged him in earnest conversation, which from the feebleness of her voice none but the Doctor could under-stand. We also observed that her talk took deep hold of the Doctor as his face was bathed in tears. In a very few minutes she passed to spirit life. Aftor her burial the Doctor gave me a full description of that last talk with Kittle. Her first words were: "Doctor, did you ever lose a daughter about sixteen wars eld?" The Doctor says that there then followed a complete description of his spirit daughter who

now stands by your side and says to me, Come Kit-Are these not beautiful words of testimony that our departed ones are not dead, but are waiting to welcome us on the other side. How is it possible for any human being to tamper with these evi-dences of our immortality. Blessed are the eyes which see these proofs of our future life, but wee to that man who can be bribed into offering a fic-

passed from this life several years before, at the age

anontioned by Kittle. He then asked Kittle why she asked such a question, and she promptly replied, "Your daughter came into the room with you and

that man who can be bribed into onering a notion or fraud instead. Dryden says:

"He who takes a bribe will strip the dead,
Will rob the orphan of his crust of bread;
Se lost to justice, equity and right,
That man will steal the aged widow's mite,
Pillage the palace of the King of Kings,
And clip the gilding from an angel's wings."
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S. D. BOWKER.

Ambrese Kent. of Wonewoo. Wis., writes: It is a little difficult for a poor old cripple as I have been through this season, to raise even a small sum, but I want the JOURNAL if I am poor and a cripple. We want a medium here that can give startling tests to arouse the people from their drowsines

Goe. Foulkrod writes: I read the Journal with much interest, and will take it as long as you have such writers as W. E. Coleman, Hudson Tuttle, J. G. Jackson and others I might name.

Address of the President of the Southern Association of Spiritualists.

MEMPHIS, TENN., Nov. 10, 1883.

To the Spiritualists of the Southern States: Greeting: DMR BENTHERN: The time has arrived for us to arouse from the lethargy which has heretofore us to arouse from the lethargy which has herefolore characterized us in regard to the most important movement of the ninetsenth century. I allude to the apathy respecting the organization of our forces to acomplish the great work which the angel world design to effect through our agency, which can only be done by united organized effort. There has been a very successful meeting recently held in Chattanooga, Tenn., the main object of which was to bring about a union not only of the Southern, but of all the states, in a national organization, with state, county, city and other associations in one harstate, county, city and other associations in one har-monious brotherhood. I have been attending state conventions and camp meetings in the east and northwestern States for about eight years, and have witnessed the good results they have produced whenever they have been held.

The meeting at Chattanooga was very harmonious, and steps were taken in the right direction for organization, and establishing a permanent camp ground near the city. I know of no place in our Southern States better adapted for a camp meeting than in the vicinity of Lookout Mountain. Seven States may be seen from its summit. The mountain scenery surrounding I have never seen surpassed, only at one place on the Alps. A stock company has been organized for a camp ground, with a liberal charter, under which the company is now well of-ficered with business men in the city and vicinity, who hope to make this the headquarters for south-ern Spiritualists to meet every summer and have a camp meeting for the southern country, as Lake Pleasant has been for New England. We have been going north to these meetings. Now let our north-ern friends come south and see what a grand coun-try we have, and partake of our proverbial southern heavitables. Our seeson is about a month carller, so hospitality. Our season is about a month earlier, so that our meeting may come off before the usual time for the other meetings. What we need now is members. These should come from all our southern states. Let the friends of this noble enterprise forward their names to Bro. G. W. Kates, Atlanta, Ga., with \$1 dues, to help this movement to prepare for the work they contemplate effecting as fast as their means will justify them. He is the editor of the spiritual paper published there, and is the corresponding secretary of the association, and has charge of the association membership books. Persons applying for membership might adopt something like this form of application: "Southern Association of Spiritualists: I herewith enclose one dollar as my annual dues for the fiscal years of 1883-4, and make this my respectful application for membership in the Southern Association of Spiritualists, and authorize the secretary to sign my name to the constitution of said adociation." And now, friends, let us rally around this movement, and show our faith by our works by becoming members and taking stock (one or more shares of \$5) in the company already organized and only awaiting your co-operation to make our grand Harmonial Philosophy, as taught by good spirits, respected by the world as it deserves and is destined to be at no distant day. We are liv-ing in the most important age that has ever dawned upon the world. The age of faith has had its day, and is rapidly passing away. The age of reason and knowledge is at hand, and every theory, creed and dogma that will not bear the most rigid scientific analysis and critical investigation must go by the board. A humanitarian religion, recognizing the fatherhood of God, the motherhood of nature and the brotherhood of man, must and will be the religion of the church of the future, which alone does fully justify the ways of God to man. This is what was taught by the founder of Christianity, and is the teaching of the Spirit-world which we wish to promulgate by our means and influence as above indicated. Will our spiritual papers please copy or notice?

Samir. WATSON.

The Brooklyn Spiritual Fraternity.

SAM'L. WATSON,
President Southern Association of Spiritualists

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: A Medium's meeting was announced for the evening, and, after singing, it was placed in charge of Mrs. Stryker. She said she did not take charge, of herself, but through her control; that she was not able to sustain herself in public; that it was this ina-bility to sustain herself that fitted her for mediumship; and that as long as she could serve humanity in this way she should be glad to act as an instrument of the spirit. Passing under control she said:

"It has been asked, 'Why do spirits return to earth where there is so much suffering and misery?" We answer that all truth is based on facts, and that we come back in love and unselfishness to establish these facts. If we lay only one stone in founding this truth, let us lay it well. We are children of one great centre, heirs of the mansions in our Father's house; and when you realize that upon each one is depending the kind of home he or she will realize, we think you will be more diligent in seeking that home not made with hands, eternal in

Mr. Dickson, of Chicago, being present, was called upon to address the meeting, and spoke as follows:
"If there is one thing more than another which I despise, it is selfishness, and if there is such a place as heaven, it must be where it does not exist. Spirits come to make us realize who and what we are and whither we are going; and if they leave their homes, should we not leave ours and go forth to help those who are in darkness, and lift them up nearer the truth. In the practice of my healing powers, people come to me in sickness from among the churches. I lo not thrust my views upon them, but they ask me of them, and soon leave bigotry aside, and come to me in the unity of the spirit. The churches contain thousands of Spiritualisis—unknown mediums not understanding their peculiar gifts and the manifest-ations coming to them. I find all the phenomena of Spiritualism in the churches. We, as a move-ment, constitute the spiritual sun of the lower universe, guiding others to heaven and ennabling them to look through the rifts to their departed friends. Spiritualism is the savior of the world. If you want to place me in the lowest hell, place me where I cannot work for my fellow man. We must forget ourselves in trying to lift others up."

The gentleman then gave way to Mrs. Stryker who, under control, said: "Spiritualism is the leaven that shall leaven the whole lump of humanity. Jesus was the man, and Christ the spirit of the man. The old heavens are passing away and the new heavens are coming in their place—more practical and more fitted to our needs at the present day."
She then passed from one to another in the audience, giving many excellent tests. By direction of Mrs. Stryker, the chairs were drawn up in semi-cir cular rows near the rostrum, at the beginning of the meeting, and during the whole evening the ut-most harmony and good will prevailed. Many expressions of surprise and satisfaction were heard from those who received these proofs of spirit return, which were to them an "open sesame" to the spirital realms beyond.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 16. W. H. Powell—Home for His Little Girl

Wanted by the Mother. To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal:

The wife of W. H. Powell, the slate-writing me The wife of W. H. Powell, the slate-writing medium is at present living at my house, and I write in her behalf to you. Her husband has totally deserted her for two years, never sending her one dollar for her own or child's support. She finds it very hard to maintain herself and child, therefore would like a good home for her little girl; she is nearly eleven years of age and quite a smart, bright child. If you would kindly mention this in your paper, you will be doing a charity to a much wronged but truly estimable woman. The angels will bless and compensate you for your great kindness in so doing. Mrs. Powell could tell you of the cunning little trick-that her husband practices in his wonderful trick that her husband practices in his wonderful siate-writing, minus pencil. (I should say plus pen-cils.) ANNA MEIXSEL. 2,155 N. 12th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

R. Armold writes: I like the JOURNAL very much indeed and hope it may go forth and flourish more and more for the cause it has at heart, viz.; bruth against the world.

C. Borer writes: Please accept my thanks for continuing to send the Journal when I got in ar-rears. I was not able to remit promptly, and I would have missed it very much.

R. H. Bishop, of Sabetha, Kan, writes: There are a few in this part that are much interested in Spiritualism, and would like to have a good medium and lecturer visit this place. Correspondence solicit-

A Wisconsin Pioneer.

Sketch of the late Gor. N. P. Tallmadge.

EAU CLAIRE, WIS.—A daylight trip from Milwaukee to Eau Claire, over the Wisconsin Central, is doubly interesting at this season. This comes of the woods being clear of leaves, and the country adjoining observable far and wide. I have been in the habit, heretofore, of picturing this whole northern country as of little worth except for timber. A third and fourth ride up north this summer, has entirely cured ma of the notion. cured me of the notion.

The chief incident of my two days stay here has been a visit to Mrs. Dr. Galloway. The doctor is one of the oldest and best known physicians in the Chip-pewa Valley. The doctor and Mrs. G. occupy rooms at the Galloway House. I had learned but recently that she was the daughter of the late Gov. N. P. Tall madge, who in some respects was the most remarkable man that ever had his home in Wisconsin. I had special desire to hear from her lips, something of the every day home life and characteristics of the Governor. Entering her spacious parlors, my eyes were first caught by a full sized portrait of the Governor, fronting the door. Opposite was a companion portrait of his wife. I had seen the Governor but once in life—a man of commanding presence, with a Gothean head on his shoulders. Anywhere, in any company, he would be pronounced an intellectual king. Mrs. Galloway is the second daughter of the Governor, apparently about 55, and a most intelligent lady. She has two sisters, one younger and one older, married and living in Chicago. Another sister, Mrs. Ruggles, of Fond du Lac, is spending the winter in Boston. The three sisters, she says, inherit somewhat the mental activity of their father, have declared literature bills and accurately written shows somewhat the mental activity of their father, have de-cided literary ability and occasionally written shorter and longer stories for publication. There is one son, John, a wheat buyer, living at the railroad station east of Fond du Lac. The eldest son, Isaac, known as the "honeet lawyer," died at Fond du Lac a year or two ago. Another son, Grier, educated at West Point, died in the army. William, the second son, the pride of his father, and counted the "flower of the family," died at the early age of 20. It was the loss of this son that in part, turned the mind of the Governor to invastigate Spiritualism. Governor to inve-tigate Spiritualism.

The Governor, it seems, came west with his family in the spring of 1843. He had been twelve years ly in the spring of 1843. He had been twelve years
United States Senator from New York. At the close
of his term, he was appointed Governor of Wisconsin by President Tyler, to succeed Gov. Doty. They
landed from boat in Milwaukee, and thence proceeded by teams to Fond du Lac, where the Governor had made large purchase of prairie land just
east of the town. It was all new then. A commodious house was soon erected and eighty acres put
under the plow. The Governor held his office but
one year when the place was turned over to Gov. one year, when the place was turned over to Gov. Dodge, by order of President Polk. The Governor, from this time on, gave little heed to politics. He called himself a "Conservative Whig." He voted for Clay and Taylor, and later for Buchanan and Douglas. He voted for Lincoln at his last elections of the provided for the politics of the provided for Lincoln at his last elec-

tion, and died a few months afterward. Mrs. G. speaks of her father as "the pleasantest man in his family she ever knew." He was as polite and attentive to his wife and daughters as to strangers. He never scolded never induldged in slang words or profanity, nor allowed his children to. At the table he would sit for hours talking to them and commenting on what he had read. At evening he would sit at the fire with hands on knees, laughing heartily at good things said. He liked to see his daughters in plain but neat attire. It was a remark of his: "If a women had on a clean calico dress, linen collar, and had her hair brushed smooth, she was a lady anywhere." In manners the Governor might be termed a gentleman of the old school. He always wore a swallow-tailed coat, was polite to everybody, but familiar with few. Being remonstrated with one day for lifting his hat to a negro who had first lifted his hat to him, he said, "He was not going to be outdone by a darky in politeness."

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The Governor was noted for his dry humor, and got at things by intuition. He enjoyed a practical joke, even upon himself. One first of April morning his youngest daughter, Emily, thought to improve the occasion by passing him a bowl of eggs, that had been slightly warmed. The Governor emptied the contents of a raw egg upon his plate, when he deliberately picked up the bowl and walked into the other room remarking that when a key ed into the other room, remarking that when a boy he used to cook his eggs by burying them in hot ashes. He returned to the table with the empty bowl, and after a brief waiting suggested to Emily that the eggs must be done by this time and she might bring them in. Emily, too glad to atone for her practical misdemeanor, made haste for the fireplace. She selzed the iron poker, raked the ashes over and over again, but no sign of eggs came forth. That was the last "egg joke" ever played on the Gov-

The distinguishing feature of the Governor's later years was his interest in Spiritualism. He first visted the Fox girls, at the instance of Judge Edmonds, his most intimate friend, in New York. His hope was to get a message from his son William, when, to his surprise, a communication was spelled out from John C. Calhoun. A few evenings later he got a fac simile of Calhoun's writing on a piece of blank paper, locked up in a drawer. From that time on he gave critical study to the phenomena. Emma Hardinge, and other great mediums were entertained at his home. About a year after the death of William he wrote out the following words to be inscribed on his monument:

"There is no suffering in death, 'Tis but the spirit struggling for mastery." Instantly, a medium present was controlled by what purported to be William, himself, who wrote brough her hand:

"There is no suffering in what we call death, 'Tis but the spirit struggling for mastery.'

The inscription as thus amended was put upon his monument. Mrs. Galloway insists that the Governor was no ways "visionary" in his speculations. He was rigid in his examination of all questions, and, unlike most people, reasoned from facts presented and not from assumptions. Most of his time at home was spent in his library. He was familiar with the Bible and wrote out notes upon nearly every chap-ter. The last eight years of his life he was a victim

of asthma, and a great sufferer at times. He had no doubts as to the future. The strength and simplicity of his faith was shown when his children were gathered about him a few days before his death. They had been talking of the other life. He was noticed to laugh by himself, and being asked as to the cause, he said: "I was thinking how much sooner I should know these things than the rest of you." Death came to him like sleep, without motion or struggle, in his chair.

The Governor left many and valuable manuscripts behind. Among the rest, in his last days, he wrote out a volume of auto-biography which he greatly de-sired should be published after his death. The volume, a few years ago, was put in the hands of S. B. Brittan, who was to edit his writings and add a chapter of personal recollections. Mr. Brittan died without the work being attended to. It is certainly due from our State and his friends that his biography be given to the country. His published writing show him to be clear and simple in statement and s reasoner of the highest order. He will likely be known hereafter, not as Governor and Senator, but as the compeer of Robert Dale Owen and Judge Edmonds, men who in the face of prejudice did what they could to advance human thought.—Evening Wisconsin.

We commented recently on Dr. Hirsh's claim that modern German culture was rather Jewish than Christian. The same narrowness has been manifest ed on the Christian side, by calling Babu Mozoomdar, the representative of the Brahmo Somaj of India, recently in this city, a member of the Unitarian body. Mr. Mozoomdar recently replied to this claim before Mr. Mozoomdar recently replied to this claim before a Unitarian gathering in Boston, and with a becoming dignity. He said he could not lay claim to the honor of belonging to any Christian denomination; that if his hearers wanted to fraternize him, it must be on the principle of their great common sentiment. He quoted the liberal Christian in Lessing's "Nathan the Wise," ,who says, "Nathan, why Nathan, thou art a Christian!" to which Nathan replies, "That which makes me a Christian to thee, makes thee a Jew to me." And so, continued Mr. Mozoomdar, "that which makes you feel that I am almost a Unitarian, makes me feel that a great many of you are tarian, makes me feel that a great many of you are as good as Hindus." Last Sunday night this Hindu reformer spoke in a Congregational church in this city. He was introduced with Moody and Sankey doggerel and the Apostle's creed. We understand the pastor expostulated with Mr. Mozoomdar after his address for some rather alighting language he used in reference to the Christian missionaries. It would have been quite as fitting for the Hindu to demand an apology for so unseemly an introduction.-Radi

Letter from Sydney, New South Wales.

To the Editor of the Religie-Philosophical Journal:

Our liberal association is not so liberal as its name implies, there having already been some little unpleasantness; for instance, a section of the society object to have Mr. Bright as their honorary secretary, principally on the ground that it is incompatible with his position as a lecturer for him to occupy such an important post; and there was a special meeting called of the association to consider the matter, the result being, that of those who attended (a very small number compared with the nominal list of members) 40 voted for retaining Mr. Bright's services and 17 against. There are those who maintain that notwithstanding the majority of 23, it would be better for the Hon. sec'y. to resign, but I do not myself offer any comment; indeed, I am not a member of the association, but nevertheless I deeply regret, in common with many others, that this element of the association is a superfection of the association. weakness has sprung up among those calling them-selves liberals, and one cannot help thinking of the old but excellent teaching that "a house divided against itself cannot stand." If the liberal association does manage to carry on an existence it is to be hoped that it will do something to justify its pres-

ence among us.

A change has taken place in the editorship of the Liberal. Mr. Geo. Lacy has resigned, and was succeeded by a temporary triumvirate, Mesers, Grevill, Haviland and Jones, but I am now informed that Mr. Bright has got the management in his hands; he is no novice at newspaper work. Doubtless his lectures will now appear in brief, as he desires them to be read by the public, he having maintained that during Mr. Lacy's editorship the epitome which appeared weekly was defective. Mr. Lacy, of course, not only denies this, but resents it, so that altogether "things are slightly mixed." and we are getting as ence among us.

"things are slightly mixed," and we are getting as bad as the "Fiddles," the antithesis of In-fidels. Mrs. Hampson, a "lady evangelist," is here, drawing the usual large crowds of sentimentalists. I was the recipient of the following, printed on a nicely illuminated card: "Please accept invitation to Mrs. Hampson's meeting," etc., and thousands of these were sent out by "the workers," so that "the old, old story" is still not attractive enough to attract audiences without some sensation, duly advertised in an infidel and business-like manner. She is a fluent speaker, more so than Mrs. Hardinge-Britten, and has a pleasing appearance; so her ministration, being out of the run of the ordinary style, attract the sensation monger and the orthodox plously exclaim at sight of the crowds, "See the power of the gospel." An instance of this wonderful power has recently transpired in our most thickly populated suburb of Wool-loomooloo. In close proximity to churches, under the very shadow of the Catholic cathedral and amongst a God-fearing and Christian community who subscribe their money for missions to the heathen, a deed of darkness has recently been committed which reveals the existence of a canker spot of the deepest dye in the midst of our boasted civilization. rifteen young men (?), so the record runs—fifteen debauched and depraved lads, found a woman lying in a lane drunk about 9 o'clock at night, and according to the evidence of one of their number, they removed her on to a heap of rotten straw in a yard close by, and then the fifteen satisfied their low and brutal instincts on her miserable body, and left her to die. In the morning, after a very cold night, she was found in a dying condition with nothing but part of an old jacket on the upper part of her body, her other clothing lying about in shreds, the men (?) having fought amongst themselves. The woman died; but in addition to the graver outrage, fiendish cruelty had evidently also been practiced, as large fresh blisters were found on her limbs, as if made with pieces of red hot iron. Truly it is time some other system of regenerating the masses was adopted. Truly, the Mene mene tekel upharsin-"Thou art weighed in the balance and found wanting"—should be thundered forth against the Christianity of these times. While these things are happening, what are the clergy, the spiritual teachers of the people doing? Quarreling, fighting and snarling about points of doctrine, and meditating how they can be revenged upon one of their number, who is more liberal than themselves. When the Son of Man comes, will be find peace on earth? And the wail from despairing multitudes ascends in answer—"Not while a sect remains to tarnish the fair face of this heauti-ful world; not while a black-coated wolf in sheep s clothing exists to bar the road of progress." brethren! brethren! when will ye take your hands ful solicitude towards suffering humanity? your "Dear Lord and Master" came "with healing in his wings," how were the Scribes and Pharisees occupied? They were settling the important questions of "Mint, Annas and Cummin," and the proper widtl for a phylactery, and are ye any better than they?
In consequence, I suppose of my name appearing to these letters, I have been the receipient of a pro-

spectus of the work, "Tokology," which I note is advertised in your columns, and which deals with matters, the importance of which cannot be overestimated. Ante-natal influences and surroundings and subsequent treatment of both mother and child during infancy, are matters on which most persons are profoundly ignorant and hence endless confusion and mischief is the result, and if the book written by Dr. Alice Stockham deals with these questions in a rationdistic manner, not too much can be said in its praise I handed the prospectus which was sent to me to a leading firm of booksellers here, Messrs. Turner and Henderson, who I know import literature from America, and I trust they will be moved to obtain some copies. I find, however, that compared with English prices, the charges made in your country on spiritualistic and progressive books is very high and I feel sure a diminution in price would result in an extended sale, amply sufficient to recompense the CHAS. CAVENAGH.

Sydney, New South Wales.

Investigating Spiritualism.

Organization of the Committee to Carry out Sey bert's Bequest.

The Committee on modern Spiritualism, composed of members of the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania, appointed under the provisions of the will of the late Henry Seybert, who left a legacy for the institution of an impartial investigation into the phenomena of so-called Spiritualism, met on Thursday evening last and organized, with Dr. Pepper, the provost of the University, as chairman, and Rev. George S. Fullerton, secretary. The method of pur-suing the proposed investigation was partly agreed upon. It was determined that the first step should be the collection of authoritative and representative literature upon the subject of Spiritualism.

So far as is known, no investigation worthy of the name has ever been made in this country. In England, however, the London Dialectical Society, a few years ago, conducted a pretty thorough and impartial examination of the subject. There is, in this country, however, a great mass of spiritualistic litererature from the pens of native authors, some scientific, though for the most part purely speculative. It is the design of the committee to obtain such of this literature as may be desirable in affording them a complete history and knowledge of all attempts to scientifically investigate and explain the phenomena

of Spiritualism. There are also many German works and books in foreign languages which the committee will secure. Contributions are also invited from reliable scienlific observers, or from any persons in possession of authoritative information bearing upon phenomena which may come within the scope of the investiga-tion. The Rev. Dr. Fullerton, the secretary of the committee has been entrusted with the main work of accumulating the necessary literature, and he will also prepare a suitable historical sketch of modern

Having thus adequately covered the entire subject the committee will at once proceed to pursue the real work of investigation. Regarding the third stage of the proceedings, however, nothing has been definitely determined, nor will any plan of action be laid out for some months yet. The accumulation of spiritualistic literature will most likely consume the entire winter, and the whole investigation, at least three years.

The members of the committee desire it to be distinctly understood that no one of them have any blas nor prejudice existing in their minds which would prevent them from joining in a thoroughly impartial examination.—Philadelphia Press.

Mrs. Mary R. Graham writes: When read ing in the JOURNAL of Nov. 10th, "A Lesson from One Life," it started the sympathetic tear to action in the heart of another life, which thanks to Spiritual-iem, still beats and throbs in unison with all of earth's afflicted ones. I do not know how I could get along without your paper. Such articles as those by J. Tiffany I enjoy very much.

Forty Billion Germs.

A Wonderful Theory that Concerns the Welfare. Happiness and Life of Everyone.

In his quiet and cosy library at the close of a busy day sat a gentleman and his wife, he absorbed in a new book and she in the newspaper. Quickly glancing toward her husband, she asked, at a certain point in the article.

"John, what is the germ theory?"

"The germ theory—well—yes; just look in the encyclopedia under Germ, that will explain it so much better than I can."

Accordingly his wife opened the book at the word named and read: Germ Theory of Disease—A theory advanced by the ablest and best investigators and ory advanced by the ablest and best investigators and scientists of the times. It supposes the surface of the earth, the air and water to be inhabited to a greater or less extent with a peculiar growth of the lowest form of fungi—commonly termed bacteria, whose power of reproduction, under favorable conditions, is so great that a single germ will increase to fifteen million in twenty-four hours' time, and unchecked in its increase would grow to a mass of eight hundred tons, in three days' time, if space and feed be furnished. There is no condition under which it can be said to be absent, unless it be from fire or air filtered through cotton-batting in numerous layers. A single drop of water containing a germ, put into water boiled, filtered and thus freed from bacteria, will grow murky in a day or two from the development grow murky in a day or two from the development of new germs. When it is considered that it requires about forty billion to weigh one grain, some remote idea can be had of the capacity of germ reproduc-tion. Professor John Tyndall in a late work, elabor-Pately treats of the influence of germs in the propaga-tion of disease and charges upon this cause, the in-ception and development of very many of the ail-ments most injurious to man. Professor Pasteur, an eminent French savant, has carried his original and heautiful experiments so for and from them and beautiful experiments so far, and from them deduced such practical results as very greatly to diminish the number of cases of anthrax among sheep and ish the number of cases of anthrax among sneep and chicken cholera among fowls—proving his theory that these are essentially and actually germ diseases. These germs are carried into the system through the lungs, the stomach and possibly the skin but through the lungs chiefly. Once in the system, they begin to develor reliability the land invading the head invading the program of the lungs cheng. Once in the system, they begin to develop, poisoning the blood, invading the nerve centers, disturbing the functional activity of the great organs of the body and inducing a general impairment of the vital processes. They are the cause of fevers, rheumatism, Bright's disease of the kidneys, pneumonia, blood poisoning, liver disease, diphtheria and many other aliments. Lately Professor Koch, a famous German physician has proved that consumption famous German physician, has proved that consumption of the lungs is due to this cause—the presence

tion of the lungs is due to this cause—the presence of a peculiar germ.

When the circulation is bounding, thenerves elastic and the system all aglow with life and energy, the germs seem to develop poorly, if at all. But with weakened nerves, poor digestion or malassimilation of food or a lowering of vitality from any cause, a change ensues, and in this impoverished and weakened fluid the germ finds a genial home and develops until symptoms of disease are distinctly manifested. until symptoms of disease are distinctly manifested. This is seen in the everyday experience of all. The healthy man resists the influences around him and does not take cold, while those whose systems have become weak from any cause readily contract colds. This is on the same principle as the germ theory. The germs attack any weakened spot in the body, and fixing themselves upon it, begin their propagation. It is plain therefore that it is only by fortifying the weak portions of the body that the germs of disease can be resisted and driven from the system. But this has proved almost an impossibility heretofore, and it has been the study of physicians for years how best to accomplish it. Within the past few years, how-ever, a preparation has been attracting great atten-tion, not only throughout the entire land, but among the medical profession and scientists generally, which is based upon this theory, and it may safely be said no remedy has ever been found which can so successfully place the system in a condition to resist the germs of disease as Warner's Safe Cure. This article is unquestionably the best and most efficient that has ever been discovered for this purpose, and-

"John, say, John! does the encyclopedia advertise Warner's Safe Cure?" "I should not wonder, dear, it's a grand remedy, and that pamphlet we received the other day stated that Dr. Gunn, of the United States Medical College endorsed it. At all events the wonderful cures it is accomplishing entitle it to be honorably noted among

the great discoveries of the present century."

However the facts above stated may be, the truth remains, that the germ theory of disease is the correct one and that the great remedy mentioned is the only one which has ever been found that can put the system in a condition to kill these germs before they obtain a hold upon the body, and undermine the life.

The Spirits in Concordia, Kansas.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal:

In July, this year, a remarkably small scance of two was formed. From that circle others deter-mined to launch into experiment. All are succeeding so admirably that I feel inclined to place our exremely simple method before your readers. The first two constructed a small wooden stand and began by placing the hands upon it (both on one side) and waiting for "tipe." Success followed in about this order: First week or two, hundreds of names spelled out by the intelligences, the larger half fraud-ulent, but some of them stood the test well. About the third or fourth week the communications became more reliable. In the latter part of August a re-markable demonstration of power occurred at this stand, after which the sitters were informed that their séance was under organized control, after which they could never detect a fraud. The control now appoints the hour for sittings, gives messages in teres business-like language, allows friends to commun-icate briefly, then closes the circle by a signal. A second scance of like number having been formed, the second took precisely the same course as the first; the two then united, being bound together by strong ties of friendship and fraternal love; the following is the result at the time: Development of one clairvoyant and clairaudient; development of one trance speaking and prospective independent slate-writing medium: partial development of pure clairvoyant medium. A lady, well known to us and highly respectable, goes into a trance, sees spirite, talks with them, and what she says is spoken aloud as it talking to a third person. On returning to con-sciousness she tells us whom she saw, what they said, etc. This last phase presents new features to your correspondent. Several circles on a similar simle basis have been formed in the country, and I am told are succeeding. Concordia, Kansas.

Mrs. Mary M. D. Sherman, the psychometrist, writing from her home in Adriau, Mich., says: In the last issue of the JOURNAL I read your article, "A Lesson from One Life." Sad was the ending, but noble your advice and words of stir-ring appeal to the possibilities of the within. You have done your duty, and as an arisen spirit, she will report that she did not heed your advice and arouse herself from the morbid selfishness of grief and murmuring which availed her nothing. 'Tis better to have no time for grief, than that it absorb our energies and makes us forgetful of the duties we owe to others. I am glad you had the courage to write her as you did, for sometime, each word will come to her as steps which will lead her up from, and out of, the Slough of Despond into which ig-norance has cast her; then she will realize true progression and the good you were to her.

A. J. Fishback, the lecturer writes: With best wishes for you, and the noble work you are do-ing for our cause to rid it of frauds and villains, I am as ever, very truly your friend.

Germs of Disease. Unless you have hired help whom you can trust implicitly, it is a good idea to use earthen dishes for milk in place of tin; they are kept clean with much less trouble. The scientists of the present day and hour claim that the germs of disease hide in the crevices of a milk-pan, and that nothing but conscientious application of absolutely boiling water will remove the danger.

The Spiritualisis have taken preliminary steps towards organizing under the general law for incorporating religious societies. At a meeting held last Sunday evening the articles of incorporation we eagreed upon and signed by those present. Are other meeting will be held in the Court of Appeals room in the town hall next Sunday at 2 o'clock P. M.

A Woman's Heart.

Though we were parted, as though he had died, She said. I could bear the worst. If he had only loved me at the last, As he loved me at the first.

But wee is me! said the hapless maiden, That ever a lover came, Since he who lit in my heart the fire, Has failed to tend the flame.

Ah! why did he pour in my life's poor cup A nectar so divine, If he had no heart to fill it up

With a draught so pure and fine?

Oh! if he were either true or false, My torment might have end; He bath been, for a lover, too unkind-Too loving for a friend.

And there is not a soul in all the world So wretched as mine must be; For I cannot live on his love, she said, Nor die of his cruelty.

-Boston Transcript. Science as a Basis of Conduct. My purpose in these papers is to show how rules of con-duct may be established on a scientific basis for those who regard the so-called religious basis as unsound. I shall follow chiefly the teachings of one who has inculcated in their best and purest form the scientific doctrines of morality, and may be regarded as head, if not founder, of that school of philosophy which, on or not founder, of that school of philosophy which, on purely scientific grounds, sets happiness as the test of duty—the measure of moral obligation. To Mr. Herbert Spencer we owe, I take it, the fullest and clearest answer to the melancholy question, "Is Life Clearest answer to the melancholy question, "Is late Worth Living?" whether asked whiningly, as in the feeble lamentations of such folk as Mr. Mallock, or gloomily and sternly, as in the Promethean groans of Carlyle. The doctrine that happiness is to be sought for one's self (but as a duty to others as well as to self), that the happiness of others is to be sought as a duty (to one's self as well as to them)—happiness as means beginness as the chief and—such ness as a means, happiness as the chief end—such has been the outcome of the much-maligned philos-ophy of Mr. Herbert Spencer, such has been the lesson resulting from his pursuance of what he himself describes as his "ultimate purpose, lying behind all proximate purposes," that of "linding for the principles of right and wrong, in conduct at large, a scientific basis," If I can help to bring this noble and beautiful dectrine—for noble and beautiful even those must admit to be who deny its truth-before the many who regard Herbert Spencer's teachings with fear and trembling, not knowing what they are I shall be content. But I would advise all who have time, to read the words of the master himself. Apart from the great doctrines which they convey, they are delightful reading, clear and simple in language, graceful and dignified in tone, almost as worthy to be studied as examples of force and clearness in exposition as for that which nevertheless constitutes their real value—the pure and beautiful moral doc trines which they offer to those over whom current creeds have lost their influence.—From "The Mor-ality of Happiness," by Thomas Foster, in Popular Science Monthly for December.

End of a Cigar! A man of letters was smok ing and chatting with a physician on a Hudson River ferryboat when a stranger stepped up and asked for a light. "Let me give you a match," replied the man of letters, adding, after his petitioner had with-drawn, "I don't know how you feel about it, Doctor, but for my part I very much dislike to put the end of my eigar back into my mouth after it has been matches with me, and make it a point to offer one of them instead." "And quite right you are," said the Doctor. "I believe that some of the worst diseases can be conveyed by one man to another through the context of his fingers with a horarowed care." contact of his fingers with a borrowed cigar. I per sonally know of a case where varioloid was transmit-ted by means of a two-dollar bill, and I firmly be-lieve that varioloid and things much worse can pass from a man's fingers into a cigar, and thence into

Newspapers. Recent developments among the press inventors of the East make it appear prob-able that in ten years' time, or less, the entire system of newspaper presswork will be again completely revolutionized. The new system seems destined to be based on the lithographic process, but with a zinc plate instead of a stone to work upon. A clean impression of a page of type taken on a hand-press with lithographic transfer ink, is transferred to a zinc plate and the printing done direct from that. Two such plates, hooked on to cylinders in juxtaposition print both sides simultaneously, and without any "off-set" or difficulty in adjustment. The effect will be to reduce the number of cylinders at work, to save wear and tear of type, and to simplify and accelerate every operation about a press room. Each plate, so treated, it is claimed, will be good for 10,000 impressions, and will be good for repeated use by the mere washing away of the transfer ink.—Journ-

First Russian Printer. The project of celebrating the 300th anniversary of the first Russian printer, Ivan Feodoroff, who died Dec. 17, 1583, has been receiving attention in Russian literary circles. Feodoroff, who was at first a scribe, founded at Moscow the earliest printing-press catalishment in Russia, of which the first production was the "Apostol" (the acts and epistics divided according to the requirements of the liturgy), printed in 1564, and still to be seen in the Synodalnaya Typographia, in Moscow. Being accused of heresy, Feodoroff emigrated to Lithuania, and established another press in the neighborhood of Vilna. He afterward went to live neighborhood of Vilna. He afterward went to live at Lvov, where he set up a third press, from which issued another volume of the "Apostol." He quitted Lyov to settle at Ostrog and establish a fourth press, which became very famous, and whence issued, in 1580, the Psalter and the New Testament, and in 1581 the celebrated Ostrog Bible, published through the exertions and at the expense of Prince Corstanting Octrophete. tine Ostrozhsky.

Bismarck and the Vatican. Bismarck has sent another notification to the Vatican. He de-clines to accept the Papal excuse for refusing to ac-cede to Germany's demand that Cardinal Ledochowski, Archbishop of Posen, and Cardinal Melchers, Archbishop of Cologne, be deposed from their Bishoprics as persons entirely objectional to Germany. In his present note the Chancellor says that if the Vatican further attempts to maintain these Archbishops in office, despite Germany's remonstrance, upon the ground that the recent German concessions warrant such conduct, Germany will insist upon making the depositions a condition precedent to the enjoyment of the concessions.

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on one street and running to the baths. These are now the lonly street car lines here, though had these taken different routes, both would have paid better; they serve to illustrate the want of business sense in these people. Little manufacturing is attempted; one woolen factory on a small scale is in operation, but as yet has failed to pay a divi-dend, though it would seem that it should. The usual proportion of church and convent property is found here; some of it very old; in one the tile floor is being overlaid with one of a hard wood called mesquite; it is being laid in squares of about ten feet with a star in the center, highly polished, and when completed will be very handsome. Upon this structure your correspondent counted seventeen bells of various sizes. The roots of the mesquite are being used for fuel by the railroad company and are found valuable as heat producers. Another kind of hard wood found and used here, is called encina, and is very heavy, fine grained and susceptible of very high polish; it will not check nor warp, and is used in the manufacture of carpenters' planes and would be valuable in the hands of wood workers of the United States.

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Our Michigan brother, whose ill-conceived tirade about an alleged inherent hostility between Spiritualism and Religion, I have taken the liberty to comment upon, has again appeared before the readers of the JOURNAL, and told them that he has looked into the Dictionary a second and a third time, and that his conception of what constitutes "Re-

In learning foreign languages-the German being my native tongue -1 often coning Webster's Dictionary—pray, how much will he know? For myself, I can say that all the spiritual literature extant could never have made me a Spiritualist. In my case. which perhaps may serve as an illustration of thousands like it, the utility of this literature only began after a terrible affliction had humbled a proud intellect, made the mind receptive, softened a hardened heart, and a devoted spirit, whose existence was interwoven with mine, set himself to work, assisted by other kind spirits, to bring to me the evidences direct. In a previous article, I tried to sketch the psychological process which, under favorable conditions, will bring about a whole-souled Spiritualism; one which works upon the heart (affections and emotions) as well as upon the head—the perceptive and intellectual faculties.

The brother in Michigan, whose anti-religious and would-be scientific strain in the JOURNAL provoked me to think about these matters, is not satisfied with the research of my cogitation, and directs me to Webster as the man to go to for better information. He claims to have his interpretation of Religion same standard. Now, to please him, I will do so, and look up Webster. Perhaps, after all the rant about my great mistake in not consulting this authority from the start, it may not be so bad for me after all. I believe I can read plain English, and make a correct

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"Take your choice," says this stickler for the dictionary and a scientific method of investigation, and so I say. In a note appended, Webster adds: "Religion, as distinguished from theology, is subjective, designating the feelings and acts of men which relate to God; while theology is objective, and denotes those ideas of God which man entertains respecting the God whom he worships, especially his scientific and systematic views of

Now, if Mr. C. will accept, study and reflect upon Webster's definition, his narrow conception of religion will be "much im-Yes, I guarantee that it will be as much improved" as mine was by Spiritualism. He should accept and be guided by it as Andrew Jackson Davis accepted the prof fered Magic Staff. "The secret is to take it, try it, walk with it, talk with it, lean on it,

believe on it, forever. But now, I fear for the good old lexicographer. I am afraid that he, too, will now have to take a back seat and learn "to regret" over there, in company with ether il-instrious men, that he didn't define religion as a musty old bundle of creeds and dogmas, and nothing more. Hear ye, from across Lake Michigan comes the authoritative declaration, "I reserve the same right to criticise Puine. Franklin, Hare and Sargent, that I do all other men." This includes the compiler of the dictionary, of course. This deciaration implies the possession of a capacity suffer the neglect.

for criticism of enormous dimensions; but the reader will perceive that when it is expended upon so vast a field, it leaves none for home consumption, for personal application. Our self-made judge forgets the little circumstance that, before he can "reserve the right" to sit in judgment upon all creation, such right must somehow have been obtained by or accorded to him.

The feeling of something "ridiculous" has left me; the comical feeling departs when I hear and ponder the oracular utterance: "In the face of all they wrote, I still maintain that my position was correct, and I firmly believe that in spirit-life to-day they regret they ever wrote what they did, claiming to have religion."

May be, they'll have to be re-incarnated, together with Noah Webster, Joel Tiffany, Andrew Jackson Davis, the editor of the JOURNAL, et id omne genus.

It happens that Webster's definition suggests the very same ideas I tried to impress upon the reader. I contend for an enlightened, purified religion, based not upon tradi-tion or any so-called Revelation, but arising tion or any so-called Revelation, but arising naturally out of the constitution of human nature and adapted to the wants—yes, the real, constant and crying needs of human life and society. I used plain language in stating that I have no sympathy whatever with any of the rapidly declining dogmas and creeds of Christian, Mohammedan, Jewish, or any other theology or mythology. I don't class myself with "Christian" Spiritualists, either. I have always regretted that so many of the writers in the Religio-Philosophical Journal, and other spiritual and OSOPHICAL JOURNAL, and other spiritual and liberal papers, cannot get along without fall-ing back upon the deified and idolized Jewish Rabbi of Palestine for support, in one form or another. Consequently, the doctrine of the vicarious atonement, etc., is as absurd to me as to the brother at Lowell, Mich. I despise the hocus-pocus often practiced by priests in the pretended sudden conversion of condemned criminals, and all that sort of nonsense, as much as he does, and I can assure him, he needn't waste his powder in that direction. I, too, build upon science, but I want the genuine article-no adulterated, one-sided, distorted scientific twaddle. I am willing to help uproot error and falsehood in religion or wherever else found, but will not help to pull up half-grown grain with the tares.

I suppose our friend means well enough, but he is altogether too fast. He seems to labor under an exuberance of scientific inspiration. He dashes off his ideas pellmell, and when he is done, they form a heterogeneous ill-assorted, seething and conflictligion," has not been improved or enlarged thereby. In the discussion of a subject like religion, he should be mindful of the good old maxim, "the letter killeth—the spirit reminds me of a man driving a pair of reminds me of a man driving a pair of reminds me of a man driving a pair of steeds that don't pull together at all; feeling an invincible antipathy toward one another, they are restive. Nick over the traces, travel sulted Webster's and other dictionaries, and in a zig zag line, and make bad work genlearned to look upon such books as valuable erally. I see the man knows well enough helps in the pursuit of knowledge. I am free to confess, I didn't try to get religion or draw inspiration from these dictionaries; Bob Ingersollism will not coalesce. All the try religion I and accept the term religion. tion and correct use of the term religion, I attempted amalgamation of Spiritualism would not like to be found in opposition to acknowledged authority. When I hastily outlined a few thoughts on the religious bearings and uses of Spiritualism, I had no occasion to consult a dictionary. Suppose a man, otherwise of good ordinary intelligence, knows actually nothing of Spiritualism except what he can learn about it by examination of Spiritualism of any and all religious taint. "Why disfigure Spiritualism by attaching to it such a hideous parasite?" he asks. Whenever such an attempt is made, it produces a mixtum compositum, an unholy alliance, a messalliance, by which a sort of mule enjaged. mule animal, capable only of kicking and destroying, and not of breeding up, is produced. It is a stranger, even from its birth, to any parent-mother by which it is begot-ten and whom it soon kicks out and des-

> With his Ingersollian proclivities, it has become next to an impossibility for Mr. C. to take a rational or common sense view of religion. As soon as the word is respectfully mentioned, he imagines to see a pestiferous lot of "creeds and dogmas," and scents the spirit of persecution. He has indeed been worshiping the "golden calf," but the object of his idolatrous devotion was not "science," to any alarming extent, but Ingersollism and materialism.

In conclusion, I want to assure Mr. C. that I harbor not the least ill-feeling toward him. or anybody else. He does not complain that in my review I misstated any of his positions; but he misstates or misapprehends some of mine, and makes some quite unwarranted inferences; for instance, what expression or statement of mine warrants the insinuation that I will be so wrapped up in worshipfrom Webster, and wants me to adhere to the | ing the Deity that I forget my spirit friends; or that a deep feeling of veneration toward God is going to make a person a "drone," neglectful of the duties of daily life? I believe

in the harmonial philosophy. Mr. C.'s position, which called out my criticism, is briefly this: He started out with denouncing every person a traitor, a very Judas Iscariot, who harbors religious sentiments in any shape or form in connection with a knowledge of spiritual phenomena. C. insists on viewing the latter with the same philosophic unconcern as we look upon the changes of the weather, the flowing of water down hill, the curvilinear movement of a ball, and other every-day occurrences that we make no ado about. The spirit phenomena occur under natural law, like everything else, therefore we don't thank anybody for them. If weak-minded people didn't allow their religious feelings to get mixed up with the phenomena, the fact of their taking place would now be known and accepted by poet and peasant. Religious feelings always influence people to kill one another, and will do so again, if we harbor any. Science demands that they be stamped out. Spell God with a small g.
This is a condensed, but correct outline of

Mr. C.'s position; and standing on the topmost height of it, he calls upon us to come up to the same eminence, promising that the exercise will develop a noble manhood and womanhood, provided, we put our sole trust in the laws of matter, viz., gravitation, chemical affinity and the rest of them. It will make scientific Spiritualists, you know. Geneseo, Ill.

It is not long days, but good days, that make the life glorious and happy; and our dear Lord is gracious to us who shorteneth, and hath made the way to glory shorter than it was; so that the crown that Noah did fight for five hundred years, children may now obtain .- Rutherford.

We complain of the shortness of time, and yet we have more than we know what to do with. Our lives are either spent in doing nothing, or doing nothing to the purpose, or doing nothing we ought to do. We complain that our days are few, and we act as if there

would be no end of them.—Seneca. Duty cannot be neglected without harm to those who practice as well as to those who Curious Manifestation of Spirit Power in

Death of Mrs. John Zent at Her Father's House in Arkansas -A Review of the Old Brinkley College Mystery-Clara Robertson and the Story of the Hidden Treasure.

The death of Mrs. John Zent (nee Clara Robertson), at the home of her father in Arkansas, Friday, revives the memory of cer-tain spiritualistic wonders occurring in Memphis in the spring of 1871. Sunday, March 5, 1871, the wildest excitement was caused in this city by a publication in the Avalanche, narrating strange and unearthly events at the Brinkley Female College, on the corner of Georgia and De Soto Streets in South Memphis. The college was a large frame strucure, sombre and dreary in appearance, the ghost of its former self, so to speak, for it was built originally in 1855 by a Mr. Davie. It was said to have been just the kind of a place that ghosts would select for their weird operations on the fancies of men. Once it was a handsome, even palatial residence, but time with its damp and its mold had made it uncanny to look upon. It had the reputation of being haunted, and was said to have ruined the builder. At the time already mentioned, Mr. and Mrs. Meredith had charge of the college, assisted by five or six teachers. The pupils numbered forty or fifty. Some of them were boarders and others day attendants. An extract from the Avalanche's account published at the time will explain fully the startling events.

A HAIR-RAISING STORY.

Alluding to the fact that a considerable number of day pupils attended the school, the Avalanche of Sunday, March 5, 1871,

says:
"Many of the pupils come from afar and are boarders at the institute, but not a few who reside in the city and near the college are but day attendants. Among the latter is a Miss Clara Robertson, daughter of Mr. Robertson, an attorney residing on De Soto Street, between Vance and Linden Streets. Her age is about thirteen years and her temperament is of the nervous kind, while her health is rather what might be called delicate. Some eight months ago she experienced religion, and has ever since been a model of strict religious propriety. It is claimed that she has never been in any way connected with things privitual or to have put truck in Spiritual spiritual or to have put trust in Spiritual ists. Her experiences with affairs claimed to be supernatural within the last two weeks however, are more wonderful and startling than the mysteries of Udolpho or the horrors of Kenilworth Castle. One week ago last Tuesday Miss Clara was alone in one of the upper rooms of the institute practicing her music lesson. An apparition suddenly apmusic lesson. An apparition suddenly appeared before her in the shape of a girl of about eight years of age, with sunken, lusterless eyes, and strikingly emaciated form and features. The object was virtually a skeleton in appearance, clad in dingy and tattered dress of faded pink, which was partly covered with a greenish and slimy fold. It seemed also to he transparent. A sad expression ed also to be transparent. A sad expression rested upon the features of the visitor. Naturally frightened, Clara ran into an adjoining room and sprang into bed with a sick girl, at the same time motioning with her hand to the unsightly object to be gone. The apparition, however, advanced with slow and noiseless steps to the bedside and laid an emaciated hand on the pillow, while Clara, thrown into spasms, but all the time motioned away the object which finally disappeared through a side door as noiselessly as it had entered. The affrighted girl told her adventure, and it at once became the all-absorbing topic of conversation throughout the school. meeting with belief, disbelief and ridicule. The majority were more or less frightened over the strange tale unfolded, but some few made so much fun over it as to mortify Clara to tears. She told her teachers and parents, but not only failed in obtaining their belief, but was reprimanded, her father telling her it was only a trick put upon her by some of the girls, and ordered her to return to school the next day, which order she obeyed with reluctance and trembling. The apparition did not appear next day, and Clara's tranquility of mind was about restored. On Thursday, however, while again practicing at the piano in the music room, two other young ladies being present, she was startled by some unusual noise as if by some water being dashed over the floor and in turning her head in the direction of the sound, was dismayed by the appearance of the same spectral looking visitor of two days before. It was seen by all three, more distinctly by Clara than the others, and the trio fled in terror from the presence of the fearful apparition, ghost, goblin, or whatever it might be. The story was again told and was ridiculed as nonsensical as in the first instance. notwithstanding the testimony of the two young ladies, who were in the room with Miss Clara, to whom, however, the figure appeared rather shadowy though to their friend it was well-defined and distinct. Last Tuesday the ghost appeared at the same place and under like circumstances. Miss Clara ran down stairs in great affright, and trembling like an aspen, related the circumstances to Miss Jockey Boone; one of the teachers, who induced the girl to return with her to the music room. As they opened the door the figure stood plainly in view of Clara, but only imperfectly in the eyes of Miss Boone. Induced to address her strange visitor, Clara asked what it was doing there, and what it wanted. Pointing a thin, ghastly looking inger in a southerly direction, the ghost replied that under a stump some fifty yards from the houses were secreted some valuables which she would have Miss Clara take possession of and use to her advantage. Miss Boone heard a rumbling noise, but could not distinguish any words, but a pupil present at the time relates that words similar to those heard by Miss Clara were distinct to her ears also. Having spoken as above, the object vanished through the garret door, as on each former occasion. Dismay now prevailed throughout the institute, and there were none to ridicule or question. Clara Robertson related the full particulars to her

affair should undergo a rigid investigation, as it was doing/no good to the reputation of the college, while little Clara was much troubled and disturbed in mind. Mr. and Mrs. Meredith believing they were being duped by some practical joke, under-took to investigate the matter. With this object in view, they on Thursday last had every pupil of the college assembled in one of the halls. Miss Clara was sent into the yard while the remaining scholars were being questioned and examined. She walked quietly around the house and while engaged pointing a pencil some fifty yards from the building, the apparition suddenly appeared before her, not more than half a dozen feet

father when she went home on Tuesday night,

who next day visited the college and had a

consultation with Mr. and Mrs. Meredith

about the matter. It was agreed that the

away. She attempted to scream, but the vision spoke quickly in a mild, pleasant tone, and said: "Don't be alarmed, Clara; my name is Lizzie; I will not hurt you." Clara stood transfixed with terror. The vision spoke again, and in a distinct tone related that the Brinkley College property was held by right, title and deed, that its present pretended owners held it illegally, having no shadow of claim to it whatever. That there was no one else to claim it as her people were all dead, and she herself was the last one that had died. She desired Clara to obtain the papers which she had previously mentioned to her, and with them in her possession claim and retain the property in her own name and right. Of course all this soon spread among the usually quiet people of South Memphis. Several young ladies went home frightened out of their wits, and several others were affected with illness, some, it was feared, seriously. Clara was naturally more excited over the singular event than others. and remained home last Friday to compose her mind, but she was told by her father that on Monday she must be prepared to go to school. She replied that she would rather die than go there again." A SEANCE HELD.

Naturally Mr. Robertson was interested, and he accordingly consulted a Mrs. Nourse, a medium. A scance was held at Robertson's house, at which the child was present. She fell into the usual rigor after violently beating her hands on a table until the skin was knocked off her knuckles. Becoming quiet, a pencil was placed in her hand, and she began to write. A spirit controlling her declared that a jar containing the treasure was buried five feet under the stump where the vision had stood. The result was that about nine o'clock Saturday night, March 4th, four or five gentlemen went to the college grounds and began to excavate the stump. They worked like Trojans with shovel, pick and spade. The stump was taken out entirely and the diggers

DUG A HOLE four feet deep. At two o'clock Sunday morning they had struck some brick archwork ing they had struck some brick archwork near the stump, and excitement ran high. Thousands of people visited the college crounds Sunday. Many fashionable ladies took an interest in the matter; while the most intense excitement prevailed among the colored population. The report that the hidden treasure consisted of several thousand dollars in coin, diamonds, jewelry and the title papers of the estate revived the the title papers of the estate revived the legends of Kidd. Mr. Meredith did not believe the house was haunted, but said when he had begun to occupy it he used to hear strange noises, but he traced them up to a raccoon, which he captured, thus ending the reign of the ghosts.

CLARA IN THE EXCAVATION. The digging was resumed Sunday night, Mr. Tom Burns, clerk of Capt. R. W. Lightburne, directing the proceedings. The spectre appeared again to Clara Robertson about nine o'clock Sunday night in the back yard of her home, on De Soto Street, and told her she must go to the college and dig herself. She and a Miss Franklin went together. Clara got into the excavation terribly frightened. turned over a single spadeful and fell down insensible. When she was brought to, she declared she had seen a jar. Monday night another scance was held with Mrs. Nourse, and the spirit said that Mr. Robertson might do the digging, but the jar was not to be opened for sixty days. He accordingly repaired to the college and dug for two hours.

THE JAR FOUND. The discovery of a glass jar, covered with mould, repaid his efforts. Through the sides could be seen a bag and several packages, together with a yellow envelope. Clara was removed from home to the house of some relatives. A mysterious signal attended the finding of the jar. One night Mr. Robertson was enticed from his home by rufflans and forced to reveal the hiding place of the jar. Pistols were leveled at him, and he was choked, beaten and left senseless on the ground, The mysterious jar was then carried away, and was heard of no more.

Miss Robertson after this affair became a medium, and married Mr. Zent while yet in her teens. She was a firm believer in Spirit-ualism at the time of her death, but, it is understood, gave no seances. There was never any question as to her sincerity in the wonderful story she told.—Daily Avalanche Memphis, Tenn.

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